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Mrs. Lee W. Hutton  
National President  
American Legion Auxiliary  
National Headquarters  
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Hutton:

I received your letter of August 30, 1948 inviting me to address the American Legion Auxiliary at its national convention on October 21, 1948. Although I would very much like to be present on that occasion a prior official commitment makes it impossible for me to do so. I am sure you will understand how my personal wishes must defer to the responsibility of my office in this instance. In the event you desire another representative of the FBI in my stead, please do not hesitate to contact me again. The thoughts prompting your most gracious invitation are indeed appreciated.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 30, 1948

MRS. LEE W. HUTTON  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

a  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Hoover:

Plans are being formulated for the program of the national convention of the American Legion Auxiliary to be held in Miami, Florida, October 18 through the 21. In making plans for the program my thoughts naturally turn to you as the one who could best tell us of the dangers of espionage in our own country. I would be very pleased if you would consent to be our featured speaker Thursday forenoon, October 21.

As you know, the American Legion Auxiliary is composed of nearly one million members organized in 13,000 communities. Its influence is widespread. At the convention there will be approximately 2,000 delegates and alternates and what they learn there will be carried back to their communities where it will be put to effective use.

I hope very much it will be our privilege to have you with us.

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Sincerely,

*Lee W. Hutton*  
MRS. LEE W. HUTTON  
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Title	Author	Publisher
<del>AMERICAN COMMUNISM</del>	Oneal & Werner	Dutton, New York
<del>WORLD COMMUNISM</del>	Borkenau	W. W. Norton, New York
<del>COMMUNISM IN ACTION</del>	Library of Congress	Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D.C.
<del>THE GREAT GLOBE ITSELF</del>	Wm. Bullitt	Scribners, New York
<del>PATTERN FOR WORLD REVOLUTION</del>	"Ypsilon"	Ziff-Davis, Chicago, Ill.
<del>CONFESS</del>	Ben Gitlow	Dutton, New York
<del>OUT OF THE NIGHT</del>	Jan Valtin	Alliance, New York

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The following titles, in rough order of importance, are for more advanced readers or those seeking specialized knowledge on certain forms of Communist activity: i.e., espionage, front organizations, the Soviet Union, the Comintern, etc.

<del>BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD CONQUEST</del>	Human Events	Washington, D.C.
<del>STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD</del>	Burnham, Day & Co.	New York
<del>I CHOSE FREEDOM (Russia)</del>	Kravencko, Scribners	New York
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<del>RED DECADE</del>	Lyons, Bobbs Merrill	Indianapolis, Indiana
<del>STALIN (an appraisal)</del>	Trotsky, Harper Bros.	New York
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<del>ALLY BETRAYED</del>	Martin, Prentice Hall	New York
<del>THE GREAT RETREAT (Russia)</del>	Timasheff, Duttons	New York
<del>REAL SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY</del>	Dallin, Yale U. Press	New Haven, Conn.
<del>THE NEW IMPERIAL COMMUNISM</del>	Markham, Univ. of N.C.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
<del>HISTORY OF BOLSHEVISM</del>	Rosenberg, Oxford U. Press	New York
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<del>DEFEAT IN VICTORY</del>	Ciechanowski, Doubleday	Philadelphia, Pa.
<del>BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN</del>	Moynad, Fireside Press	Philadelphia, Pa.
<del>DARK SIDE OF THE MOON</del>	Anon., Scribners	New York
<del>SOVIET SPIES</del>	Hirsch, Duell, Sloan, Pearce	New York
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<del>THE GREAT CHALLENGE</del>	Louia Fischer, Duell, Sloan, Pearce	New York
<del>100 RED DAYS (Sisson Documents)</del>	Sisson, Yale U. Press	New Haven, Conn.
<del>CHALLENGE OF WORLD COMMUNISM</del>	Ham Fish, Bruce	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
<del>REPORTS OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, 1943, 1945, 1947</del>		
<del>REPORT OF THE CANADIAN ROYAL COMMISSION ON ESPIONAGE</del>	His Majestys Printer	Ottawa

### PAMPHLETS and PERIODICALS

<del>COUNTERATTACK (weekly newsletter)</del>	\$24 per year	American Business Consultants
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THE SPOTLIGHTINTERNATIONAL WORKING YOUTH CONFERENCE

Do you want to spend an "exciting and constructive" summer vacation abroad? Would you like to work on heavy construction and at the same time "promote international cooperation and friendship among the youth of the world"? Would you like to build roads and miners' homes in Poland, a youth railroad in Czechoslovakia, a hydro-electric dam in Bulgaria, or a nice railroad in Albania? Just send your name and address to DORIS SENK, AMERICAN YOUTH FOR A FREE WORLD, 144 Bleeker St., New York. The AYFEW is the American branch of the WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH, the Comintern's youth movement! The INTERNATIONAL WORKING YOUTH CONFERENCE this year is being held in Warsaw, August 1 to 10. "Greedy imperialists are carrying out a policy of exploitation and oppression of small nations". Foul war-mongers are plotting to plunge the youth of the world into World War III. These dastards can be confounded and exposed by making a "Youth Peace Tour" to Communist-dominated Poland this summer and working on a heavy construction job somewhere behind the Iron Curtain. The WFDY will run special trains from Paris to the East European countries where various labor projects await the suckers.

The average work week on the brigades is 36 hours for two or three weeks to be followed by a "week of extensive travel" with vast opportunities for cultural activities including formal lectures, folk dancing, song festivals, exhibits, etc.". There is no guarantee, however, against voluntary labor brigades being mixed up with a forced labor draft and spending a "week of extensive travel" in a cattle car bound for one of Stalin's slave camps in Siberia where "cultural activities" are nothing to write home about. The letter of invitation to Warsaw adds: "The brigades are purely voluntary, and therefore, no compensation is given in return in the form of pay. All travel expenses up to the frontier of the country and after crossing the frontier homeward bound must be covered by the individual. But travel and sojourn expenses, as well as living and lodging costs while on the brigades, will be met by the host organization." On to Warsaw!

### CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

This C.P. front names as subversive by the United States Attorney General, as well as having been the subject of a documentary study by the House Un-American Activities Committee, will probably soon change its name. The DAILY WORKER in a recent inconspicuous item advised that a special conference had been called for July 19 to consider "merging the CRC with other organizations dedicated to fight for America's civil liberties". This is merely Commy double talk admitting that their front is so thoroughly exposed that a major face lifting and change of name is necessary. CRC was the result of a 1946 merger of the NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES and the notorious INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE founded in 1925. Both were legal defense arms of the C.P. USA.

### NATIONAL YOUTH FOR WALLACE

The DAILY WORKER announced recently that a new NATIONAL YOUTH FOR WALLACE group would be formed at the founding convention of Wallace's third party in Philadelphia, July 25. The call, signed by SEYMOUR LINFIELD, went out to 100,000 young people in the forty-eight states. Careless mailing procedures caused invitations to be sent to various anti-Communist liberal and radical organizations including STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, a youth affiliate of the AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION. It replied: "Your organization can serve only . . . as a sounding board and implement for Communist Party policy within the United States until it is abandoned by the disillusioned liberals who gave it strength." The SDA letter went on to charge that "Anyone familiar with the history of the youth movement can trace your origins and sponsorship to the AMERICAN STUDENT UNION and AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS". Sponsors of the YOUTH FOR WALLACE convention include the following well known pro-Communists: JAMES DURKIN, President of the UNITED OFFICE WORKERS, CIO; REV. JOHN W. DARR, JR.; JUDY HOLLIDAY, Actress; RAY LEV, Pianist; PAUL ROBESON, JR.; and KENNETH SHERBELL, ALP State Senator from New York.

### VOICE OF FREEDOM

This little advertised Commy front is now over a year old and claims that it already has 1,600 voluntary radio monitors in twenty-five states. Chairman DOROTHY PARKER hopes to have 5,000 radio spotters by the end of this year. VOF monitors listen to all radio programs for material unfavorable to the Communists, then phone the offending stations or write and induce organizations to write letters of protest claiming that labor, civil liberties, or minority rights have been attacked. VOF monitors also flood the mails with phony commendations for Party Line commentators and others appearing on the air whom the Communist Party wants to build up and support. The VOF was particularly active in quickly mobilizing highly vocal opposition to the Mundt-Nixon Bill which failed of passage in the Senate. Legionnaires might well consider the desirability of offsetting VOF's pernicious activity by setting up local community radio committees, which support and sustain pro-American commentators and programs and which conversely will promptly protest un-American speakers and programs by phone direct to the station.

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### THE COMMUNIST FRONT

By far the most important and significant development on the C.P. front in the past several years was last month's Cominform statement attacking Tito and the Yugoslav C.P. The future history of the world will, in all probability, be changed profoundly by this sensational break in the iron ring of Soviet satellites. It naturally gave rise to the wildest speculations and guesses by both experts and pseudo experts including radio commentators and news columnists. Even the DAILY WORKER, which has an answer ready for everything, was "deeply shocked and pained". It took the WORKER several days to analyze the situation and to prepare lengthy explanations of just what was what. Careful analysis of the Cominform communique of indictment as published in the Czechoslovakian Communist paper RUDE PRAVO, shows the following salient and significant features,

Trouble must have been brewing between Tito and Stalin for some time. That Tito's secret police and Communist army officials shadowed and otherwise kept under strict secret surveillance Soviet military and civilian personnel in Yugoslavia. That Tito quite evidently had balked at carrying out certain Russian directives of an as yet undisclosed nature but probably involving Trieste, the Italian and Greek situations, or the question of a Balkan Federation. That the Yugoslav Communists, despite their absolute power over the country, had been totally unable or unwilling even to attempt to solve the agrarian question. It must be recalled that Stalin in 1929 ordered the forced collectivization of Russian agriculture, which during the following three years cost the lives by starvation of four to five million Russian peasants in addition to those deported by the hundreds of thousands to Siberia to perish miserably of cold, starvation, and disease. Tito quite evidently was unable or unwilling to attempt any Stalinist "liquidation of the kulaks as a class" in his own country. The Yugoslav peasants have tilled and owned their own little farm patches for centuries, even under the Turks and would probably die fighting to a man against any forced Bolshevik "collectivization". Yugoslavia is still predominantly agrarian. There are less than 200,000 industrial workers in a country of 15 millions. Tito may have enslaved the urban populations under OZNA (secret police) terror -- he evidently got nowhere with the peasants. This to the Russians was naturally "retreating from positions of the working class and parting from the Marxist theory of the class struggle". The Cominform indictment is quite specific and unequivocal in its condemnation of Tito's tolerance of private land ownership. Tito evidently still leans too heavily on the National Front of allied and sympathetic but non-Communist elements. Stalin insists on a monolithic, all powerful, one party (Communist) dictatorship. Three years should have been plenty of time to wipe out and liquidate not only all oppositionists but all allies as well, the Cominform implies.

The Yugoslav C. P. is alleged to lack "intra-party democracy" -- and to

suffer from a "shameful, purely Turkish terroristic regime". This is typical Communist double talk meaning that Tito has ruthlessly eliminated all pro-Soviet elements "by cruel reprisals" and built himself a nice little air-tight monolithic party of his own, 100% under his control. Tito's boast that the "exploitation of man by man" would soon be ended in his country and that the last lingering remnants of capitalistic enterprise would soon be extirpated, is coldly dismissed by the Cominform as "an adventurous non-Marxist act doomed to failure and a vast demagogical declaration". The communique then charges Tito with fraud saying, "these Left-wing decrees and declarations of the Yugoslav leadership are calculated to mask their refusal to confess their faults and to confess their faults and to correct them honestly." The old Stalin-Vishinsky mania for extracting "confessions" of guilt from their victims characteristic of the bloody purge trials of 1936-38 still seems to operate in the Russian mentality. Even the boast that capitalism will soon be destroyed in Yugoslavia is not as important as a confession of heresy against Stalinism. It is unlikely that Stalin will get any voluntary confessions from such seasoned scoundrels and veteran Communists as Tito, Djilas, Rankovic, Kardelj -- they know the torture-confession racket too well themselves; and they are not likely to allow themselves to fall into Stalin's hands.

Many cautious and logically suspicious Americans naturally raise the question, "Is this split on the level, or is it a phony, treacherous maneuver designed to plant Tito and his murderers or American fliers on our side for a juicy slice of Marshall Plan aid?" Two sentences in the Cominform indictment seem to rule this out. The Yugoslavian Comms are twice charged in the indictment with "Trotzkyism". The accusation of Trotzkyism is a Communist form of curse and tantamount to a virtual excommunication and covert sentence of political death. Trotzkyite "nad-dogs" are to be exterminated as the first order of business even as Trotzky himself was assassinated in 1940 in Mexico by one of Stalin's hatchetmen. The charge of Trotzkyism is entirely without grounds. As a matter of fact, Tito was for years one of Stalin's chief liquidators of Trotzkyites and undoubtedly

ordered or directly participated in the murders or betrayals to the police of many of Trotsky's followers.

It is not generally known that Tito as Josip Broz was a police spy and stool pigeon in Yugoslavia in 1927-28 and "fingered" many of his own party pals to long prison terms or exile. The American Trotskyite press, as well as Trotskyites all over the world, immediately rejected and denounced Tito as not one of them after the Cominform bombshell. The hope that Tito will now become a reformed and contrite friend of the western democracies is also far-fetched and unrealistic. The relentless persecution of priests and democratic elements and murder of General Mihailovich and countless thousands of other innocent people, including peaceful American Army fliers, is hardly the sort of character we would welcome as an ally. Plus the fact that such a seasoned Comintern agent and life long Communist terrorist could never be fully trusted to come clean. When thieves fall out, honest men come into their own, but it does not follow that one of the thieves becomes an honest man. Even now, Tito's police are arresting the trying "Vatican spies" and persecuting priests for "political activity".

To summarize this most important development; there is no doubt that Stalin has suffered a major reverse, which may profoundly affect Russian foreign policy and Communist aggression in Europe for years to come. It must not be forgotten that Stalin has suffered no similar setback in over twenty years or since Chiang Kai Shek double-crossed him at Hankow in 1927. Nor has the monolithic world Communist Party suffered any mutiny or even incipient rebellion since the abortive Lovestone-Gitlow uprising of 1929, which Stalin liquidated overnight by a cable to America deposing the 90% majority and replacing the leadership with Foster and Browder, who held mandates for less than 10% of the C.P. USA. Twenty years of unbroken success was almost mathematically bound to produce a minor or major setback in time. The amazing thing about the Tito mutiny is that it was so beautifully covered up despite the thousand-eyed vigilance of the NKVD and iron discipline of Communism, which makes even brothers squeal on brothers and life long friends spy and report on each other.

Only two top-ranking Commies remained true to Stalin and were quickly liquidated. That such a conspiracy involving an entire party and a country of fifteen million would be successfully carried out against the greatest and most all pervasive conspiracy on earth, world Communism, is almost incredible.

The funny thing is that there is so little that Stalin can do about it. Armed force is naturally out. Economic sanctions by a country itself in desperate economic straits is equally ruled out. Jugoslavia is economically tied to the west, not to Russia! The normal NKVD correctives and punishments available in other countries are impossible in a land where the renegade controls his own C.P. lock, stock and barrel and has his own ubiquitous secret police totalling close to 60,000. Pressure of every sort by surrounding Communist countries, particularly Rumania, Poland, and Czecho-Slovakia, is about all that is left to the Kremlin in the way of corrective punishment. Rebuilding or recapturing the C.P. of Jugoslavia from such adroit pastmasters of conspiracy seems a hopeless Herculean task which with the best of luck would take years of patient inch by inch work.

MOISHE PIJADE, veteran Comintern official and seasoned Stalinist who surprisingly enough elected to side with Tito, bluntly warned the Kremlin that it was vain hope to expect any rank and file Yugoslav Communist revolt against Tito and the Party leadership. He cheekily demanded that the Cominform (i.e., Stalin via his mouthpiece Zhdanov) retract its "unprincipled slanders" against the Yugoslav C.P. That probably was the last straw for Uncle Joe! The next sixty or ninety days will undoubtedly show just what the frustrated and enraged Muscovites propose to do about mutiny in their own ranks.

As was to be expected, not a single Communist Party came to the support of the Yugoslav Party. Even the far away Chinese Communists, whom many American "liberals" would have us believe "are not really Communists at all but merely agrarian reformers", soundly denounced Tito and his cohorts. The American Commies, who staunchly deny any organic connection either with the Soviet Union, the Communist Party of Russia or any world Comintern, repudiated and denounced the Yugoslav

comrades. This is an extremely important and incriminating point. American Communists insist in court that they are absolutely free agents and independent of any international ties, yet when one of their "Free and independent" parties has the temerity of breaking free, the "free and independent" American Communists support the identical positions of the Chinese, Czechoslovakian, French, Cuban, and Icelandic parties in upholding the Cominform and the All Union Communist Party of Russia. Only the insignificant Trieste CP is reported as being split over the Tito question with the Italian Communists upholding the Cominform and Yugoslav comrades adhering to Tito.

Meanwhile a harried and worried world breathes a little easier for a time. World Communist leadership and discipline which heretofore has been 100% invincible, inflexible, and inexorable has finally shown a bad crack in its iron ranks. The infallible, omniscient, and ever-victorious Stalin and his Politburo erred disastrously on their evaluation and selection of Jozip Broz, alias Tito as satrap for the Balkan marches. Stalin's whole diplomatic victory in excluding the Allies from invading the Balkans, his rapid Bolshevization of that strategic area and his creeping advance to Bosphorus have been nullified by this single act of treachery and mutiny.

The Yugoslav defection may well mark the high water mark of Soviet expansionism, at least in Europe. Tito's example may encourage similar "dangerous thoughts" in other restive Communist satraps. THOREZ in France is reported as weakening and slipping because of the impossible role the French C.P. is expected to carry out. The Swedish, Finnish, and Netherlands elections held recently all showed significant losses for the Communists. While Communism will remain a serious threat to the security of France and Italy for some time to come, it is quite evident that the E.R.P. is stemming the red tide and even pushing it back a bit. Experts on Soviet policy predict that the next five to six weeks will be critical for world peace with Russia forced to make her major decision on her next move while America is temporarily distracted by a presidential and Congressional election. The



internal situation in Russia is suspected of being very bad and perhaps deteriorating. It should always be borne in mind that resort to war is a common expedient of totalitarian systems when faced with critical and insoluble domestic difficulties.

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#### WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING

Main accent in the Communist press during the past month has been on Wallace's campaign, the racial question and allegations of "anti-negro terror", high cost of living, housing with particular emphasis on evicted and homeless ex-servicemen, the Mundt-Nixon Bill, and charges of "policy brutality" in various American cities. Trotzkyites are charged with wholesale "wrecking" in the Northwest which is simply Communist double talk for mass expulsions of dissident Commies. The columns of the DAILY WORKER have been full also with almost daily complaints that "Curran caucus goons aided by brutal Texan police" are unmercifully "dumping", (i.e., beating up) poor harmless "progressive seamen" (i.e., Commies) in southern ports. Curran's strong arm boys are denounced as "Fascist swine". An extraordinary amount of space is devoted to reporting matters of interest to Negroes in the apparent hope of winning colored recruits to Stalin's Fifth Column.

The DAILY WORKER does not like the House Un-American Activities Committee's most recent pamphlet "100 Things You Should Know About Communism". It is also very unhappy about mysterious "Project X" apparently referring to American subsidies or aid to European anti-Communists. The D.W. also has been running sections of the Draft Resolution of the CP for its coming convention for suitable "discussion" by the comrades. Some significant self-criticisms are made. "Deviations of a right opportunist character" are admitted as well as "left tendencies and mistakes". "Right opportunist deviation cunningly masked under left-wing phrasology" was once a Moscow indictment made against a leading American Communist twenty years ago. Same old trouble still seems to be haunting the CP USA ----- and the Stalinists humorlessly still employ the same old stilted clichés and "Bolshevik" terminology.

The DAILY WORKER very much likes Bert Andrew's new book "WASHINGTON WITCH HUNT" which derides the whole loyalty program and which challenges the procedure and evidence used in ousting ten poor security risks from the State Department a year ago. Andrews is Chief of the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE's Washington Bureau and a Pulitzer prize winner.

The WORKER also gloats over the Army's dilemma on what to do with Communist draftees. If the Army rejects Communists, it is feared that many young draftees may join the C.P. merely to avoid military service. So the D.W. charges that the Army plans to accept young Communists but will carefully segregate them in special units at isolated posts and camps and to confine them to useless and menial tasks.

IN FACT continues its diversionary role of attacking mythical, sinister "bit business" plots to foment another war and dominate the world. It lays heavy stress on exposing alleged enormous profits of large corporations and other attempts to impugn the honesty and patriotism of business and industry. "Oil interests" are claimed to be the chief culprits according to this pro-Conmy scandal sheet. Its secondary theme continues to be that the press of the United States is "controlled", biased, and hence "prostitute". Only IN FACT ferrets out and dares tell the truth.

Attempted assassination of Togliatti (Ercoli) by an assassin devoid of any known political connections was naturally seized upon by the CP-ers here with glee. The finger that pulled the trigger was really not that of Pallante at all, but actually the Vatican and the American Marshall Plan for the enslavement of Italy. Olive Sutton, DW scribbler, devotes a column of calumny to "prove" that the Vatican and State Department are really the culprits guilty of the attack on Togliatti. Then step by step even those Americans who wrote letters to Italian relatives urging them to vote against Communists are linked to Togliatti's assassin by his Conmy hate monger.

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COMMUNISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

Militant anti-Communist in the labor movement, particularly in Communist-infested C.I.O. unions, have continued their drive against the Stalinists with far more successes than reverses. The UNITED HATTERS, generally considered leftish but anti-Communist, and the more conservative UNITED STEELWORKERS of Phil Murray, both passed convention mandates barring Communists from office in their unions. The Hatters went out of their way to denounce Henry Wallace as "a creature of the Communist Movement" and committed their union to exert every effort to his defeat. An international vice president, Alex Rose, called Wallace "an American Lord Haw Haw who is giving aid and comfort to the Soviet dictatorship". The Hatters' convention also attacked Russia for having set up the greatest human slavery system ever known to mankind.

As the internal CIO fight against the Stalinists sharpens some curious defections and mass desertions are occurring. A group of anti-Communist social workers and office girls employed by the Y.U.C.A. National Board bolted their Communist-controlled SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION and joined the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO. The shipyard workers, militantly anti-Communist, also set up a separate division in order to welcome some ten thousand right-wingers in the UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS mostly employed in United States Government bureaus in Washington who are threatened to bolt because of their Union's Communist-line opposition to the Marshall Plan and continued hostility to United States foreign policy. MIKE QUILL's TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION also offered to shelter any of the UPW's New York municipal employees who might prefer to switch unions. QUILL's Union already has enrolled some 1,000 custodial employees of Columbia University and Barnard College.

The National Board of the Y.U.C.A. in New York was picketed recently by Communist-controlled Local 19 of the SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION, CIO because it had hesitated to renew a contract with the SSEU on the grounds that it was caught in the middle between its Communist employees and the right wingers and was not sure which faction represented a majority. Some 20,000 or more insurance

agents organized in the C.P. controlled UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS UNION are on their way out with the anti-Communist UNITED PAPER WORKERS CIO preparing a special division to receive them. National leaders of the UOPWA reacted with typical Communist celerity in suspending six locals and tying up their funds through legal action on the grounds that "labor-splitters and reactionaries" were conspiring to secede and split the Union. The UNITED PAPER WORKERS' Constitution bars Communists from appointive or elective office both on a national and local level. The suspended insurance locals are at Lynn, Mass.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Hartford, New Haven, New Britain, Stamford, and Lynn, Connecticut. Total membership of the UOPWA is about 75,000 of which number 30,000 are insurance agents. The UOPWA is about twelve years old. It has refused to sign Taft-Hartley Act non-Communist affidavits.

The CP, USA, lost control over 14,000 farm equipment workers when the UNITED AUTO WORKERS CIO won a majority in an NLRB elective at Peoria, Illinois. The workers formerly were represented by the Communist-dominated FARM EQUIPMENT WORKERS, CIO, whose officers likewise refused to sign the NLRB non-Communist affidavits. The DAILY WORKER and other Party line guttersheets are full of anguished wails over this "unprincipled raiding by brother CIO Unions".

The attempted ousting from their department store jobs of three anti-Communists a few months ago, has had every widening repercussions. Communist officials of Local #3 of the RETAIL WHOLESALE AND DEPARTMENT STORE UNION, CIO, tried to force the employer, Bloomingdales, to fire the three clerks for alleged "disruption and slander". The three clerks claimed they had merely opposed financial support of Wallace and had demanded that their officials sign NLRB non-Communist affidavits. The International, which is non-Communist, ordered the Local to reinstate the three antis. Anti-Communists in the New York City labor movement, called a mass meeting at which the three anti-Stalinists spoke. They refused, however, to tell State Labor Department officials anything about their troubles. Governor Dewey thereupon ordered an investigation. Department store executives charged that the ousting of three anti-Communists from their jobs was nothing new

or startling and that Communist terrorism had been rife in New York department stores for years. Several store executives were subpoenaed by the House Labor Sub-Committee to come to Washington and testify as to Communist activities in the New York retail trade. A former FBI agent and present publisher of the anti-CP newsletter COUNTERATTACK testified that he knew of at least 517 Communists in the URWDSEA.

The Sub-Committee then moved its hearings to New York where the fun began. One witness swore that an official of her Local has pointed to a red Soviet hammer and sickle flag in the Union's office and said that she "took orders only from that flag". Invoking the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution, ten URWDSEA officials refused to answer the \$64.00 question whether or not they were Communists and were threatened with contempt citations by the Congressional Sub-Committee. International officers Jack Altman and Sam Volchok swore they were not Communists. 500 massed pickets outside marched in front of the Federal Building chanting A-L-T-M-A-N spells RAT.

The hearings which lasted three days were stormy and colorful. Several unwilling witnesses who refused to testify were forcibly ejected, one of them screaming "We are going to run people like you out of Congress!" Another yelled "Frame-up" and "railroading" when given the bums' rush. Mr. Osman, President of Communist-controlled Local #65, was likewise escorted to the door when he refused to answer the fatal question. Mr. Osman was quite dramatic. He was sure that "No matter what you do to me, a hundred new Osmans will spring up to take my place". Russian revolutionaries hurried off to Siberia by Czarist Police were very fond of such oratory. Nor did Mr. Osman have a very high regard for Congress. He blamed his contempt citation on the "corrupt, degenerate mentality of men who have made the House of Representatives a house of ill repute".

Next act was the mass picketing of Gimbel's Department Store by solid masses of pickets from the Greater New York CIO Council, still Communist-dominated. URWDSEA International officers complained to the National CIO that there was no

strike or labor trouble with Gimbel's and that the picketing was purely political spite and hence a breach of contract. The National CIO ordered SAUL MILLS, Secretary of the New York CIO Council, to cancel the picketing. This was refused. URW/DSEA also had ordered its locals not to violate union orders and engage in wildcat mass picketing. Left-wing officers responsible for Gimbel's show will now be brought up on trial and Phil Murray of the CIO, undoubtedly will act against the Greater New York CIO Council. Right wing unions have been steadily withdrawing from the Council. Joseph Curran of the NMU announced that speedy action would be taken to withdraw 20,000 New York District members of his Union from the Communist-controlled Greater New York CIO COUNCIL. Some 40,000 Transport Workers Union members had previously seceded.

The DAILY WORKER for July 19 mournfully conceded defeat in the National Maritime Union New York District election just tallied. All Communist candidates were badly defeated. Joe Curran defeated Blackie Myers, the C.P.'s darling, 11,575 to 4,813. FERDINAND SMITH, West Indian alien Communist, illegally in this country and presently under a deportation warrant, lost his office of Secretary 6,157 to 9,473 for his successful opponent. The New York District comprises about 40% of the total membership of the NMU and was the stronghold of Communist influence in the Union. The other out port Districts are now being tallied and the final results there will show even greater majorities against the Communists who threw in the sponge as soon as the New York District votes were counted. Thus ends twelve years of unbroken terroristic Communist control over one of America's most strategic and important Unions. The Stalinists moaned that the FBI had aided Curran and his faction and that "Furious red-baiting on the part of the Curran caucus which employed thuggery and received Police cooperation in many cities to 'dump' progressives" was responsible for their stunning defeat in the one Union their secret party councils regarded as the most important for them to control.

The AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD Convention in San Francisco voted unanimously to advise all locals to protect the job rights of members who admit they are

Communists and who have been discharged by their employers as a result. The question arose out of a Washington, D. C. case when a Communist reporter there had been fired by his paper, the EVENING STAR. His local had refused to fight the matter through NLRB procedures. The ANG is anti-Communist nationally but Stalinists are influential in many locals, notably New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

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#### THE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

Missouri was the only Department to hold a counter-subversive seminar during the past month. Department Americanism Chairman John Grotewill opened the session held in the Soldiers Memorial, St. Louis, at 10:30 a.m., June 20. Department Commander Ray Roberts delivered the address of welcome which included some pointed barbs at the rather small attendance. Neal Capaldo, Past Department Americanism Chairman, spoke on the history and tactics of the Communist Party. Willard Max, a former FBI Special Agent, gave a well prepared talk on Communism in the Labor Movement. After the lunch recess, Karl Baarslag of the Americanism Division, National Headquarters, gave the assembled Legionnaires a well-rounded out picture of the present problem posed by World Communism with some 18,000,000 fanatical and highly disciplined followers. He also painted in the little known Asiatic background and origin of Leninist Bolshevism. Baarslag was followed by Sergeant Joseph Gallagher, Chief Lecturer of the St. Louis Police Department, on the local St. Louis situation as well as Communist strategy and methods of operation. Harry Schaffer, National Field Representative, covered the more practical angle as to just what Legionnaires can do at local community and Post level to combat subversion. Charley Staphos, Past Commander of the Roosevelt Post, gave his listeners an eye witness report of what he saw in Greece and what Communists had done to that country.

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As a result of convention action at Chicago, the Catholic War Veterans are planning to set up a national seminar on subversive activities similar to that con-

ducted by The American Legion at Washington last November. Two specially selected candidates will be sent from each Department to attend the seminar and receive a full course of instruction on the exposure and combating of subversive activities.

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**ELKS BAN COMMIES.** Two revisions were made in the by-laws of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at their last convention to effectuate barring of Communists from that order. Persons who are directly or indirectly members of the Communist Party or who directly or indirectly participate in Communist activities are to be expelled from the elks.

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The American Federation of Labor has filed a formal demand with the United Nations to investigate slave labor conditions within the Iron Curtain countries. The memorandum charged that trades unionists had been jailed, deported and killed and that many had been literally worked to death in Poland and Jugoslavia. The memorandum asks that the United Nations order the International Labor Office to conduct the inquiry. The A.F.L. also proposed a world federation of all anti-Communist Unions. The Inter-American Confederation of Labor (CIT) set up six months ago, is already anti-Communist and opposed to the World Federation of Trades Unions to which the CIO adheres but not the AFL. The founding of a new anti-Communist Asian Federation of Labor was announced only last week.

**AMERICANS FAVOR REGISTRATION OF COMMIES.** A recent Gallup Poll shows that an overwhelming majority of our citizens favor registration by law of all Communists with the Department of Justice. Of those questioned 77% were in favor of such registration, 12% were opposed and 11% had no opinion. 67% thought that Federal government jobs should be denied to Communists, while only 19% thought they should be permitted to work for Uncle Sam.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE -- QUIPS AND BITS

That the "correct C.P." line is an exceedingly fine and treacherous high wire to follow is illustrated by Tito's fall from grace. This reminded the well known liberal authority on Soviet Russia, William Henry Chamberlain, of an old gag he heard in Moscow years ago. With no GPU agents around, Russians whispered to trusted friends: "Left deviationism was to rob the peasants of their last bit of food for the benefit of starving workers in the cities. Right deviationism was to rob the miserable city workers for the benefit of the starving peasants. To rob both the workers and the peasants for the benefit of the already well-fed Communist bureaucracy -- that is the correct party line".

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Two Russian Communists were caught having three wives each. Bigamy, previously was not seriously regarded in the Soviet Union. Now PRAVDA finds that such depravity is "vulgar, cold-blooded, calculating, petty and bourgeois".

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Was he pushed or did he fall? The DAILY WORKER which made light of the curious death of Jan Masaryk of Czecho-slovakia who jumped or was thrown to his death had a similar mystery right on its own doorsteps last month. Harry A. Sholachman, charter member of the C.P. USA, was found dead in the street in front of the American Kremlin as the result of a nine story plunge from the roof. The D. W. had no comment.

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Bargains noticed at the Workers Bookshop in New York recently:

Martin Dies, by Gellerman (who also wrote a smear history of the Legion) 19¢.

Secret of Soviet Strength, Dean of Canterbury 9¢.

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FASCISTS, HATE GROUPS, CRACKPOTS, ETC.

Gerald L. K. Smith's CHRISTIAN NATIONALISTS will hold their convention, called a "crusade" at St. Louis, August 20 and 21. Officials delegate credentials have gone out to all subscribers of Smith's CROSS AND FLAG. It bears Smith's likeness and a picture of the convention site, Kiel Auditorium. Fine print on the bottom warns:

"On the theory that this certificate might fall into the hands of an enemy, the Credentials Committee reserves the right to confirm this qualification when presented at the registration desk by stamping on the words 'Final Approval!'"

It also bears a small gold seal which must be stamped with the official insignia. The House Un-American Activities Committee has slated Smith's outfit for investigation this fall.

ROBERT H. BEST SENTENCED. A fifty-two year old South Carolinian who broadcast almost throughout the war for the Nazis was found guilty of treason in Federal Court and sentenced to life imprisonment. The government had demanded the death penalty for treason in time of war. Best expressed no contrition and stated he would do it all over again under similar circumstances.

KU KLUX KLAN SPLITS. A small faction of what Grand Dragon Green of the K.K.K. termed "disgruntled Bolsheviks" have seceded and obtained a separate charter from the state of Georgia to go into the nightshirt business. News reports did not give the membership strength of the bolters.

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WHAT YOUR POST CAN DO TO COMBAT SUBVERSION

1. Have your Post pass a resolution urging early enactment of appropriate legislation such as the Mundt-Nixon Bill by the Senate which failed to act after the House passed the Bill. Send copies to your two Senators and Congressman as well as a copy to the House Un-American Activities Committee. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND VERY URGENT. Communists and their allies and dupes flooded the Senate Judiciary Committee with over 20,000 telegrams denouncing the Mundt Bill. Less than 3,000 telegrams were received supporting the measure. Senate lack of interest and

inactivity can be partly explained by such public lethargy and indifference to a Bill which is just as important as any other defense measure.

2. Send to the Americanism Division, National Headquarters, for the Division's Recommended Reading List of books, periodicals, and pamphlets. It's free. Give your Post Americanism Officer an annual appropriation of at least \$25.00 with which to purchase a small "red" library and to subscribe to certain important publications for the use of your Post. Circulate these books and periodicals among your more important citizens who are in a position to influence public opinion as evidence that your Post is on the job as far as Americanism and public service is concerned. The American public today wants factual, objective information on the Fifth Column in this country, not Fourth of July oratory of 1920 denunciations of Bolshevism. It has a right to look to the Legion for such information and guidance; particularly on front organizations and doubtful individuals operating under various disguises.

The Americanism Division strongly recommends the following books for Post libraries or private purchase. Insist that your local libraries have them available. (Pinko librarians are great on stocking all manner of pro-Soviet, pro-Communist tripe and then having "no funds available" for or regarding as "unimportant" books on the black lists of the Connies)

TELL THE WEST	Jerzy Glikson	Gresham Press	\$3.75
THE IRON CURTAIN	Gouzenko	Duttons	3.00
LENIN	David Shub	Doubleday	5.00
COMMUNISM & THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WEST	Sheon	Bobbs-Merrill	2.50
LOST ILLUSION	Freda Utley	Fireside Press	3.00
LAST CHANGE IN CHINA	Freda Utley	Bobbs-Merrill	3.50
I CHOSE FREEDOM	Kravchenko	Scribners	1.40
AMERICAN COMMUNISM	Oncal & Verner	Dutton	5.00
BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD CONQUEST	Human Events	Chicago	3.00

3. Send one dollar to the CATHOLIC INFORMATION SOCIETY, 214 West 31st Street, New York, for an excellent little set of 26 pamphlets covering all aspects of the Communist problem. Circulate this set to members of your Post.

4. Send one dollar to the NEW LEADER, 7 East 15th Street, New York, for THE CASE AGAINST VERA MICHELES DEAN OF THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION, by Julius Epstein. This is a well prepared, documentary study of the curious pro-Soviet line peddled by Mrs. Dean of the Foreign Policy Association throughout educational and other fields under the disguise of strictly neutral and objective analyses of foreign affairs.

5. Write to the House Un-American Activities Committee, Room #226 Old House Offices Building, Washington, D. C., for copies of "ONE HUNDRED THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES". This is a very important government publication and every Post should not only have a copy but should order quantity lots for distribution to members and others. This pamphlet can be obtained in quantity lots direct from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at \$7.50 per hundred.

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NOTICE: Sections COMMUNISM ABROAD, OTHER COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AND FRONTS, and THE FIELD, SPLINTER GROUPS, ETC." were crowded out this month by lack of space. They will be resumed in the next issue.

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#### SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

State Department officials testifying before a Senate Sub-Committee on Immigration, claim that several hundred suspected Soviet agents entered this country last year under the guiso of United Nations employes or press personnel. Robert C. Alexander, Assistant Chief of the Visa Commission of the State Department, swore that UNRRA was the chief offender with many of these doubtful persons entering here several years ago and remaining long after UNRRA ended its affairs. The International Immunities Act of 1945 covers all U.N. personnel, even those coming

from Russia and Iron Curtain countries. Mr. Alexander said that some of these foreign agents had been specially trained in subversion and terrorism.

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THE SCOREBOARD AGAINST SUBVERSION

Communist spies and Soviet agents arrested or indicted	NONE
Alien Communists deported during past month	NONE
Non-Communist aliens deported (Nazis, etc.)	70
Communists imprisoned upon conviction for crimes	NONE
Communists arrested and indicted for conspiracy	12
Effective legislative curbs passed by Congress	NONE

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: September 16, 1948

FROM : Mr. Ladd

SUBJECT:

*American Legion - National*

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The National Convention of the American Legion will be held in Miami, Florida, October 18 to 21 inclusive. Prior to the actual opening of the convention the National Americanism Commission will meet on October 16 and 17 in order to thoroughly study all resolutions pertaining to Americanism and Communism.

## ADDENDUM

I would recommend that Mr. Lee Pennington be instructed to attend the meeting of the National Americanism Commission and the American Legion at Miami, Florida on October 16 thru the 21st.

D. M. LADD

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October 11, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. H. CLEGG:

RE: JAMES F. O'NEIL, CHIEF OF POLICE, MANCHESTER, N.H.  
NATIONAL COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION.-  
CANDIDATE - SIXTH VICE PRESIDENT, 1949 CONVENTION

In a discreet manner the possibility of the above named person being considered for Sixth Vice President next year was discussed with the members attending the meeting. The reaction was most favorable. As it was explained to you, one officer in discussing this matter indicated that John Gleason, Chief of Police, Greenwich, Conn., was already one of the Vice Presidents. Consequently, it is not felt desirable to emphasize O'Neil as a candidate representing New England but rather as a candidate from New Hampshire. A further report will be submitted with respect to subsequent reaction on this matter.

E. A. SOUCY

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Director's Notation:

"I am not particularly enthusiastic about him. He took no notice of FBI during his term of office with Legion & in fact opposed our position on outlawing C. P. However it may be six of one & a half dozen of the other.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Clegg

FROM : L. R. Pennington

DATE: October 25, 1948

SUBJECT: JAMES F. O'NEIL,  
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION

Over a period of many years the American Legion's National Conventions have passed resolutions demanding the outlawing of the Communist Party. From the reports available in my office I find the first reference to outlawing the Communist Party was by the 22nd National Convention held at Boston in 1940. The following year the National Convention held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, likewise demanded that the Communist Party be outlawed.

The House Committee on Un-American activities commenced hearings on March 24, 1947, on legislation to outlaw the Communist Party, the first witnesses appearing being representatives of the American Legion who had previously been mandated by National Conventions to condemn Communism and to demand that it be outlawed. The National Legislative Director, John Thomas Taylor, at the 1947 hearing before the Un-American Activities Committee called as witnesses James F. Green, Chairman of the American Legion's National Americanism Commission, and James F. O'Neil, Vice Chairman and a member of the Committee for many years. Green and O'Neil presented the American Legion's Americanism story, together with information concerning the mandates of National Conventions. At this hearing the following seven point domestic security plan developed by the Americanism Commission was presented:

1. Outlaw the Communist Party.
2. Ban the use of the mails to Communist publications.
3. Provide universal fingerprinting and identification.
4. Continue the registration of all aliens and authorize a check of their activities.
5. Deport all aliens advocating overthrow of the Government by force.
6. Deny admission to the United States of Nationals from any country refusing to receive United States aliens ordered deported.
7. Discontinue Federal aid to institutions of learning which refuse to purge their faculties of Communists and fellow-travelers.

Both witnesses commended the Presidential Order for a loyalty check of Government employees.

At the 1947 National Convention held in New York, New York, August 28 to 31, 1947, a resolution was presented from the Department of California demanding the outlawing of the Communist Party, together with other recommendations concerning the handling of Communists. This was the convention at which James F. O'Neil was elected National Commander and the passage of the resolution

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Mr. Clegg

was a mandate from the National Convention to keep on fighting to outlaw the Communist Party.

In August, 1948 James O'Neil published an article in the American Legion Magazine entitled "How You Can Fight Communism". This article has been reprinted and disseminated throughout the country and I did not note therein a call for outlawing the Party. However on page 4 you will note he specifically warns Legionnaires against personally making investigation and states "actual official investigation is obviously beyond our jurisdiction and under the law it is the proper field of the FBI."

As I previously stated when a mandate is issued by a convention it is up to the members of the National Committee to which the resolution refers to do their best for the passage of appropriate legislation.

I would also like to call your attention to the fact that I was a National Chairman last year appointed by James O'Neil and I think this recognition was accorded due to my Bureau connection.

I started in 1939 to handle liaison between the FBI and the National Americanism Commission. O'Neil has been on the Commission during the entire period and he was always most cooperative in assisting in carrying out the Bureau's program.

I recall right after he was elected National Commander he was very much delighted that an article had been written on him in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin and he mentioned his delight to me several times. As a matter of fact I sent him quite a few additional copies of the bulletin at his specific request.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*  
 FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*  
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONVENTION, AMERICAN LEGION  
October 18-21, 1948

DATE: October 25, 1948

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On Saturday and Sunday October 16 and 17, 1948, I attended meetings of the National Americanism Commission at Miami, Florida. Subsequently on October 18 and 19, 1948, I as a Delegate to the National Convention was assigned and served on the Convention Committee on Americanism. The Committee passed a resolution commending the Director and the Bureau which was subsequently ratified by the Convention on October 20, 1948. The Resolution is as follows:-

"Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation has continued its outstanding and brilliant performance in carrying out its duties and functions made still heavier by the increase in number of certain groups and individuals favoring ideologies alien and subversive to our form of government,

Therefore Be it Resolved by The American Legion in convention assembled in Miami, October 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1948, do hereby commend and thank the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its able director, J. Edgar Hoover and his co-workers for their fine work."

The Bureau is mentioned in one other resolution which called for stamping out American Youth for Democracy and successor organizations in our schools, colleges and universities. This reference was contained in one of the Whereases and states as follows:

"Whereas, J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the House Un-American Activities Committee have denounced the American Youth for Democracy as a recruiting agency for Communism."

Resolutions received from a number of state conventions calling for the outlawing of the Communist Party were approved by the convention.

A resolution was received from the Department of Illinois commending the House Un-American Activities Committee and J. Parnell Thomas. Although this resolution was acted upon prior to the publicity on J. Parnell Thomas it ~~was~~ possible to have it changed so that there is no commendation of either the Committee or J. Parnell Thomas but simply the request that "the delegates do hereby urge the enactment of laws by Congress to continue the Un-American Activities Committee with sufficient funds for its work."

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COMMITTEE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION NO. 167

Whereas, Prudence in the interest of national security demands the continued efficient investigation of subversive individuals and their elimination from employment and positions of any capacity in the government, and

Whereas, these investigations should be conducted by a permanent board of citizens whose patriotism, loyalty and integrity is beyond question, composed of citizens appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and that not more than three members of the Board shall be members of the same political party;

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved, That The American Legion in convention assembled at Miami, Florida, October 18-21, 1948, recommends that the Congress of the United States be urged to adopt the necessary legislation to create such a Board with authority to investigate every employee or applicant of the Federal Government and determine whether such employee or applicant is disloyal to the United States to the end that such an employee or quasi employee be eliminated from employment by the government after a fair and impartial hearing before the Board in accordance with all the rights and privileges under the duly recognized Constitutional processes and protection accorded to any accused under the law.

Be it Further Resolved, That The National Legislative Committee is hereby directed to press for enactment of such legislation before the Congress of the United States.

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher

DATE: October 28, 1948

FROM : L. R. Pennington

SUBJECT: THE INSIDE STORY OF THE LEGION

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With reference to the attached memorandum dated October 21, 1948, in which the Director commented on the carelessness of the Legion in making appointments, you are advised that subsequent to the dismissal of Justin Gray at the National Convention in San Francisco in October 1946, all employees appointed to the National Americanism Commission have been carefully investigated and screened.

For the record in order that the Bureau may be advised concerning Gray's dismissal, he was a member of Duncan-Paris Post 1422, Department of New York. Due to the fact that so many of the members of this post were either Communists or Communist fronts the Department of New York suspended the post's charter. Officers of the Post came to the National Convention at San Francisco and Justin Gray who was then an employee of the Americanism Commission and likewise a member of Duncan-Paris Post, made a number of statements to the press concerning the suspension of the Post's charter. On the basis of a rule that no employees of National Headquarters outside of public relations are allowed to make statements, Gray was dismissed prior to the completion of the convention.

For your information as a result of the revocation of Duncan-Paris Post's charter, the post filed an action against the American Legion, Department of New York praying an order directing the Legion to permit the post to function as a duly organized post of the American Legion and restore to it and to members all the rights and privileges to which it was entitled. The court came to the conclusion that the Legion was a membership corporation and had the right to exercise discretion in determining what post would be chartered and recognized and that mandamus did not issue to compel performance of a discretionary act.

I understand that Justin Gray is now employed in a Communist front electrical union in Chicago in public relations and has bragged that he is a member of some Chicago Post.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *B8*  
 SUBJECT: "THE INSIDE STORY OF THE LEGION,"  
 by JUSTIN GRAY in collaboration with  
 VICTOR H. BERNSTEIN  
 BONI and GAER, PUBLISHERS, NEW YORK, 1948  
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: October 21, 1948

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Background

This 255 page book is a frontal assault on the American Legion plus a brief flanking attack against the FBI. In substance it makes nine charges: (1) the carefully planned origin of the American Legion is rooted in reaction, deception and illiberalism; (2) Wall Street financiers and other similar rogues financed the Legion; (3) the American Legion does not represent the rank and file veteran but rather the vested interests in this country; (4) the American Legion is closely tied in with and influenced by the unprogressive National Association of Manufacturers; (5) the American Legion's Washington, D. C., lobbyists are influenced in the behalf of the big business concerns and are not primarily devoted to the welfare of the average Legionnaire; (6) the American Legion is anti-labor and has regularly pursued strike-breaking policies; (7) the American Legion is anti-democratic and tends in the direction of Fascist mentality; (8) the American Legion discriminates against Negro veterans and tolerates Ku Klux Klan antics; (9) the American Legion's pretended Americanism is in essence the smearing of honest liberals and progressives. This work is done with help from the FBI spearheaded by Mr. Lee Pennington "liaison man" between J. Edgar Hoover and the Legion. All this constitutes not Americanism but un-Americanism.

The book's author, Justin Gray, is mentioned frequently in Bureau files as being associated with Communist activities. He was employed as an Organizer and later Assistant Director of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. He left the employ of the Legion in October, 1946, claiming he was forced to leave because of the impeccability of his character, his thoughts and his actions. Gray's collaborator is Victor H. Bernstein who has similar Communist connections. James Oliver Brown, pro-Communist figure of Little, Brown and Company, Boston, Massachusetts, has described these two men as being "politically sound". (100-342893-26, p. 3-4)

Details

- Justin Gray describes himself as having been a member of Company "B", 48th Ranger Battalion. He explains that like most soldiers during the war he had no desire to join the American Legion on his return to the United States as it was believed the Legion was not operated in the interests of the average soldier. Later he became a correspondent for "Yank," the Army weekly, which led to Gray being eventually persuaded to join

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the American Legion. Gray was offered and accepted a regular job as "Organizer". The technical name of this position was National Representative in Charge of Membership Promotion for New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Later he became Assistant Director of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. On accepting this work, Gray was introduced to an "Indoctrination" course which he maintains was illiberal, anti-progressive and obscurantist. According to Gray, the essence of this course consisted in his being told "What to think, what to say, how to say it - and when".

2. Gray charges: The American Legion's origin was a carefully planned one rooted in reaction, deception and illiberalism. The American Legion has given the impression that its origin was spontaneous, open and arose from the desires of good fellowships of the rank and file American soldiers of World War I, spearheaded by two wounded heroes, Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., and William Patterson. This impression is false. The origin of the American Legion is somewhat secret, artificial and reactionary. It was carefully premeditated and planned. It had a forerunner predating (1915) World War I bearing the same name, the officials of which later became the officials of the present American Legion. Gray infers that the "Army brass" was behind the origin of the American Legion; that this "Army brass" had selfish, ulterior motives for giving its support. Among the reasons why the "Army brass" and others were interested in seeing the American Legion come into being was it could be used against so-called radicals and against all progressive individual groups. Gray repeats from speculation on the origin of the Legion to the effect that it was an "interventionist" cabal of the period; a pressure group to get us into World War I; an organization designed to put a Republican in the White House to succeed Wilson; a means by which Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., following a paternal example, could create his own private Army. Gray concludes, "The 1919 vets had been "sucked into the Legion under false pretenses".
3. Gray charges: The American Legion was financed by Wall Street. Meat packing interests (e. g. Swift and Company) assisted the Legion financially as did Hornblower and Weeks Investments, Lehman Brothers, Bankers, E. I. DuPont, DeNemours and Company, Chemicals and Explosives, Guarantee Trust Company, Chase National Bank and others. One means of assisting in this financing was through advertisements. Gray contends the Legion has tried to keep these nefarious links with Wall Street secret.
4. Gray charges: The American Legion does not represent the rank and file veteran, but rather the vested interests, the big businessmen of the country. The Legion, says Gray, claims it is a "grass roots organization

representing everybody's interests". This is false. It is a class organization working in behalf of a select few. It serves this "select few," the industrialists and bankers, by opposing all progressive and liberal measures which might reduce the excessive profits of big businessmen and their imperialist designs.

5. Gray charges: The American Legion is closely tied in with the National Association of Manufacturers. NAM's lobbyists attend Legion conventions. These lobbyists sell NAM ideas to the Legion, which in turn, propagandize said ideas all over the country. NAM's representatives speak at Legion conventions and Legion representatives speak at NAM's conventions. There are very close relations between the two organizations in many other different ways. It is, therefore, significant, writes Gray, to note that NAM's policy is reactionary, anti-labor and one which is using the Legion for its own purposes. Further, the Legion is quite willing to be so used. All this fits into the Legion pattern of eager servile service to big business.
6. Gray charges: The American Legion lobbyists in Washington, D. C., are actually lobbied in turn by those of big business. Hence, for all practical purposes, American Legion lobbyists are, in fact, lobbyists of big business interests and are not lobbyists for the average American veteran which they should be. John Taylor, the Legion's main "lobbyist" in Washington, D. C., is mentioned as an example of this practice. Gray indicates that the Legion, in this capacity, has worked in behalf of the real estate interests, assisting in defeating good housing measures and has done the very same thing in many other fields of endeavor.
7. Gray charges: The American Legion is directly anti-labor and pursues strike-breaking policies. He quotes a Union official, Chuck Wilson, as condemning the anti-Communist International Longshoreman's Association of the American Federation of Labor as being Communist dominated and that "they ought to be shot". Gray condemns this lack of discrimination. The American Legion, says Gray, investigates purely labor organizations and then calls them Communists. On paper the Legion is neutral toward labor but actually, Gray argues, it is bitterly opposed to labor. The Legion consistently pursues strike-breaking policies as was evidenced in the San Francisco, Youngstown strikes and others.
8. Gray charges: The American Legion is anti-Democratic. No person working for the American Legion can ever question the National Commander. He is always right. All employees are expected to support him in everything, irrespective of what an employee may



really think on the matter. The organization is run like this in all its branches. This, says Gray, is very anti-Democratic. Further, the three and one-half million members of the American Legion are never allowed to effectively express themselves or to determine policy. The National Commander is the untouchable king and dictator. In this capacity, he uses the Legion organization to promulgate anti-Democratic policies beyond the confines of his organization, touching upon matters related to the welfare of the Nation.

9. Gray charges: The American Legion discriminates against Negroes. He quotes ex-National Adjutant Don Glaskoff as saying "Would you want to be in a Post with them?" He points out that the Legion never condemns the Georgia and other similar branches which discriminate against the Negroes. In some states, according to Gray, the Legion compromises with "Jim Crow" Posts. From a realistic viewpoint it does practically nothing for Negro veterans. It tolerates Ku Klux Klan influences. It allows a man like Frank L. Kimbrell, Campaign Manager for the late Senator Bilbo, to become a leader within its ranks.
10. Gray charges: The American Legion's pretended Americanism is actually un-Americanism in essence, as manifested by its smearing of all honest liberals and progressives; that in doing this it is aided by the FBI. Any person who opposes the Legion's reactionary policies is labelled a "Red". He is smeared and discredited. Elementary justice is denied. If allowed, the Legion would curtail all essential freedoms. The Legion, in promulgating its un-American policy, is aided and abetted by J. Edgar Hoover and his FBI. Gray writes:

"...The Legion does have trained investigators: J. Edgar Hoover's G-men. The longer I stayed at Indianapolis, the more I was impressed - and depressed - by the extraordinarily close cooperation between the FBI and the Legion's subversive activities program. Some of this cooperation is quite open, even though it is rarely publicized in the press. Pennington, for instance, doesn't put on green whiskers every time he goes out to Indianapolis. Everyone at National Headquarters knows him as J. Edgar Hoover's 'liaison man' with the Legion...During the war years, moreover, Hoover himself spoke semipublicly of FBI-Legion cooperation...Now that the emergency is over, the Legion is again 'working closely' with the FBI to maintain 'peace and security'. I saw this cooperation at first-hand. I saw how, time after time, inquiries originating in a Post or Department concerning activities of a 'suspected' individual or organization were relayed by the Americanism Commission to Pennington at the FBI in Washington, D. C. Pennington rarely failed the Legion

and the material he provided was relayed to the inquirer. Conversely, of course, Legion files were open to the FBI at all times."

Gray maintains that the average Legionnaire doesn't know, or isn't supposed to know, of this relationship with the FBI, namely, that the Legion is functioning as a "stooge for the Federal Police". Gray continues on to say that the Bureau influenced the American Legion to be less critical of Congressman Hamilton Fish, former New York Congressman, at the time that Fish was supporting the Nazi point of view in this country. (pages 215-219)

In concluding his book, Gray insists that something must be done about this evil menace, the American Legion. He suggests: (1) inform the rank and file Legionnaire as to what is going on in the Legion; (2) expose all the undesirable activities of the Legion; (3) free the Legion from its position of being an instrument of big business; (4) oppose all its reactionary policies; (5) bring pressure to bear on Congress to "crush" the Legion's near-monopoly on veteran service in Washington, D. C.; (6) take the leadership and power of the Legion away from the exclusive clique and give it to all the Legionnaires. In short, change it from an oligarchy to a democracy.

As previously indicated, the Bureau files reflect that Justin Gray has, and still is, associated with various aspects of the Communist movement. His writings have been played up in the "Daily Worker". He has been the recipient of an "award from the American Youth for Democracy," a Communist front organization. (94-Sec. 2, 65-56402, Sec. 45, 100-348168, 61-777, sub A, Sec. 3)

Gray is currently described as a New York writer; a student who worked on his Ph.D. in Economics at Harvard University until World War II broke out; a member of both the American Legion and the American Veterans Committee; a former correspondent for "Yank"; a former Organizer and Assistant Director of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion in charge of the Legion's subversive activities; a member of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America in Chicago and a publicity director of the Progressive Party in Illinois. It has also been indicated that his collaborator, Victor H. Bernstein, appears to have a similar background relative to Communism. (100-271306-A, 100-350238, 100-273049, Sec. 3, 100-343950) Bernstein is described on the cover jacket of the book as being "a noted newspaperman and author of 'Final Judgment - The Story of Nuremberg'."

Under "Acknowledgments" (pages xi-xii) many different persons are mentioned, some of whom have been active in promulgating left wing views, such as George Seldes of "In Fact" and Albert Deutsch of "PM".

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This memorandum is submitted for your information. ✓

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October 25, 1948

Honorable S. Perry Brown  
National Commander of The American Legion  
American National Bank Building  
Beaumont, Texas

My dear Mr. Brown:

I did want to write a personal note to extend my hearty congratulations upon your election as National Commander of The American Legion. You may be sure that we of the FBI value very highly our past cordial relations with the Legion and we are looking forward to their continuance in the future. If at any time we can be of personal or official service to you, I know you will feel perfectly free to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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CC-Houston  
CC-Inspector Pennington

NOTE: Since information available does not reflect Mr. Brown's correct military title he is being addressed as Honorable at the suggestion of Inspector Lee Pennington. Inspector Pennington advises that Mr. Brown is an outstanding Legionnaire and a very good friend of the Bureau. Bureau files contain no derogatory information. The attached material was furnished by Inspector Pennington for inclusion in files.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
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**PERRY BROWN**

**NATIONAL COMMANDER**

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PROUDLY  
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**PERRY BROWN**

**FOR**

**NATIONAL COMMANDER**



# Legionnaires Return Home After Electing Texan as Commander

By the Associated Press

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 22.—S. Perry Brown, the American Legion's newly elected national commander, and about 70,000 other Legionnaires were on their way home today.

They wrapped up the 30th annual national convention late yesterday with unanimous approval of Mr. Brown, 56-year-old businessman of Beaumont, Tex., for the Legion's highest office.

When Mr. Brown's election became apparent midway of the balloting, one opponent, George N. Craig of Brazil, Ind., yielded. As balloting ended, the third man in the race—James F. Green, 33, Omaha, Neb.—moved to make it unanimous.

Mr. Brown, a building contractor, is a veteran of both World Wars. Regional vice commanders elected are: James A. Lane of Huntsville, Ala.; James Annin of Columbus, Mont.; Edward J. Kelly of Tataville, Conn.; Walter E. Alessandroni of Philadelphia and Leonard W. Moody of Marianna, Ark.

The Rev. Tom Grice, 69, a World War I combat chaplain who served in France, was elected national chaplain.

Mrs. Goode, Head Auxiliary.

The Legion Auxiliary elected Mrs. Hubert A. Goode of Portland, Ore., national president. Mrs. Archie W. Miller of New Cumberland, Pa., only other candidate for president, withdrew before voting was begun. Other officers elected, all without opposition, are: Vice presidents, Mrs. William Kashman, Hartford, Conn.; eastern, Mrs. Eli Bennett, Little Rock, Ark.; southern, Mrs. H. C. McShane, Salt Lake City, Utah; western, Mrs. E. B. Kelly, Buffalo, Wyo.; northwestern, and Mrs. Harry Mulder, Hammond, Ind.; central, historian, Mrs. William H. Heagerty, Washington, D. C., and chaplain, Mrs. John Pat Kelly, Atlanta, Ga.

The Legion's National Executive Committee will meet in Indianapolis next month to choose a site for



MIAMI.—NEW AND RETIRING LEGION COMMANDERS—James F. O'Neill (left), retiring American Legion commander, congratulates S. Perry Brown (hand upraised) on the latter's election as commander of the Legion. After a roll-call vote James F. Green of Omaha, Mr. Brown's opponent, asked that the election be made unanimous. —AP Wirephotos.

next year's convention. Only Philadelphia and Miami extended invitations. Boston put in a bid for the 1950 meeting.

Pensions Urged. Two resolutions approved by the Legionnaires asked pensions for all honorably discharged veterans of World War I or World War II. One, introduced by the depart-

ment of Illinois, asks Congress to enact legislation providing a \$60-a-month payment to all veterans of either war when they reach the age of 65 and a \$75-a-month payment when they reach 68.

The second, twice defeated at previous national conventions, would provide payments to all World War I veterans, their widows and chil-

dren on the same basis as now paid to Spanish-American War veterans, their widows and children. In the main, it was an orderly convention. Jack Cejna, head of the Legion's press corps and a veteran of conventions since 1929, said it was the most orderly convention he had ever attended and yet every one had a good time.

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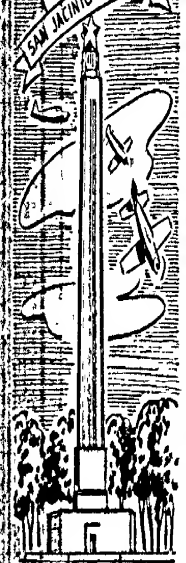
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We Associate  
Ourselves Together"



To uphold and defend  
the Constitution  
of the United States



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: November 5, 1948

FROM : L. R. Pennington

SUBJECT: HAROLD COLEE

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Karl Baarslag, National Headquarters of the Legion, phoned this morning and stated that he noted within the past few days lists had been distributed to various intelligence agencies of subscribers from the Washington area to the Daily Worker. He said included in that list was Harold Colee, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D. C.

Baarslag stated that the American Legion has used this name for many years in subscribing to various subversive publications and he noted while in Miami that one of the Convention Chairman, a prominent Miami banker, was named Harold Colee. Baarslag stated he did not want this banker to be confused with the Legion's alias under which subversive publications were received.

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Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am deeply grateful for your message  
of congratulations upon my election as National  
Commander of The American Legion.

You may be assured that the cordial  
relations which have existed between our organi-  
zations will continue in the future.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

*Perry Brown*  
PERRY BROWN  
National Commander

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BIGOTRY AND HATE ARE UN-AMERICAN

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During thirty years of activities carried on to strengthen the moral, mental and physical health of our country, the American Legion has expressed itself and acted forcefully in opposition to every group which endangered the unity of our nation.. The American Legion feels now that many dangers to our country's welfare need immediate attention. In order to overcome and to do away with any subversive force, it is imperative that the situation be given as wide publicity as possible. Then only can activities be launched to remedy the problem.

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The purpose of this report is to point to such a danger. The American Legion desires to give all pertinent information relative to this peril since this problem affects each one of us, individually and collectively.

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The danger, in brief, consists of the fact that still today, in the year of the Lord, 1948, many people, fanatics, professional hate peddlers and, last but not least, misguided people, make it their business to pit racial groups against racial groups, creeds vs. creeds, and class vs. class.

That the United States of America is no place for such a divisive struggle, is all too clear to every loyal American citizen. And every true American Legionnaire--and there are three and one-half million or more in our ranks--will recognize such a destructive activity as un-American conduct and therefore, readily enlist in the fight against Bigotry and Hate.

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This is the occasion to point out with great emphasis that our resolution on intolerance voted at the Boston convention in 1940 and reaffirmed in 1941 at Milwaukee will always be one of the staunchest mandates of our organization. It reads:

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WHEREAS, There is a growing attitude of intolerance on the part of certain American and resident-alien classes toward the race, religion and political beliefs of other American citizens; and

WHEREAS, This attitude presents a constantly increasing danger to the rights of these citizens and to the democratic form of Government under

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which they live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion composed of all races, creeds and political partisans, is best organized to combat this intolerance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Legion continue to illustrate to the communities in which the individual posts lie, the threat to America imposed by this artificial setting of class against class."

IF WE ACT UPON THIS RESOLUTION AS WE MUST, THEN THE PROBLEM OF INTOLERANCE WILL BE SOLVED ONCE AND FOR ALL.

Question: What are you personally doing to carry out this resolution? What are you personally doing to heal your country of the malignant diseases--prejudice and intolerance?

The Department of Illinois invites you to study this report very closely and you may be assured that your considerate attention to this subject will bring about fruitful and healthy attitudes and results.

ELLIODOR LIBONATI  
Chairman, Americanism Commission,  
Department of Illinois, American  
Legion.

HERE IS THE PROOF THAT A HATE PRESS EXISTS

The following are typical examples of the approaches taken by regularly published hate sheets, issued to gullible readers in many parts of the country:

SHOWERS OF BLESSING

SHOWERS OF BLESSING, published in Point Pleasant, W. Va: Reverend Blessing, William, publisher.

This publication is a weekly mimeographed sheet that is devoted in part to a sermon, and in part to a column entitled "Drifts of the Time," which violently attacks Jews, Negroes, Catholics, the Federal Council of Churches, and other chosen enemies. In addition to his anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic tirades, Blessing, following the example of the Anti-Semitic Anglo-Saxon Federation which attempts to pervert history to prove that the Anglo-Saxons are the descendants of the lost tribes of Israel, and are truly God's chosen people, preachers, "the twelve tribes of Israel . . . are the whites from whom Jesus and the Christians today are descended. . . . the Jews are a mongrel type of half-breeds, deliberate killers of Christ, true synagogues of Satan."

Blessing claims membership both in the Ku Klux Klan, (1923-24) and in the Junior Order of the United States American Mechanics (1916), which organization contains many former Klansmen. "I was a member of the Klan and I expect to renew my membership at the earliest possible date." (PARTING OF THE WAYS, Oct. 19, 1945.) Blessing lives in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and his church is called the "House of Prayer For All People." He has church groups in Detroit, Michigan and in Denver, Colorado.

An article in the April 2nd, 1948 issue of SHOWERS OF BLESSING, speaks of several Communist leaders, who renounced Communism and returned to the Catholic Church. The article asks, "Why are so many Catholics now coming out of Communism? Something smells bad somewhere!"

On the same page it states: "I have heard that the Pope is half-Jewish and that he once belonged to an organization in Italy that is definitely Protestant. Surely the Catholics have been aiding the Zionist movement and what is more, they have favored every F.E.P.C. ordinance in every city. . . . The Roman Catholic Church owes first allegiance to the Pope and the Vatican State in Italy and in that respect it is as foreign as the Communists who owe their allegiance to Russia. Rome isn't any better than Moscow.

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Catholicism and Communism are both alike foreign ideologies."

This clearly shows how bigots attack the Catholic Church with lies similar to the calumnies they employ against Jews, i.e. falsely accusing the Catholic hierarchy of plotting to seize the Government, and comparing the Catholic Church to the Communist party.

A second article carries an "expose" of the Penitente Order. SHOWERS OF BLESSING states that in spite of the fact that the Pope excommunicated the Order, every Penitente is a member of the Catholic Church. It contends that "if the Ku Klux Klan or any Protestant order ever carried on even one-tenth part of the cruelties of the Penitentes (Catholics) there would be a terrible howl go up against them from every part of America, but since they are members of the Roman Church they have no opposition.

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BEACON LIGHT HERALD & AMERICA SPEAKS

BEACON LIGHT HERALD  
AMERICA SPEAKS are both published in  
Atascadero, California.  
Kullgren, William, publisher.

Kullgren's publications have printed vitriolic attacks against Catholics and Jews. He is an astrologist and a food faddist. For awhile he ranted about "der Tag" when the Jews would take over, forcing the Christians to flee, and to go into hiding. He warned his readers that they would be starved out, unless they stocked up on certain types of food staples (all of which he had on hand, and for which he quoted prices.) He is the author of a pamphlet entitled "The Origin and Destiny of the Jews," which falsely charged that the Jews are frauds, cheats, imposters, and murderers. Kullgren was among those named in the abortive Washington sedition indictments.

In the November, 1946 issue of the BEACON LIGHT HERALD the following appeared: "If you join the Roman Catholic Church, or the Communist Party you will find that your thinking has all been laid out for you, all you have to do is to accept. By the way, these two great movements are founded on the same principle, or lack of it; they both indulge in double-talk, they don't mean what they say. . . . I know many will see red when they read this; but it is only intended for those who subscribe to the teachings of the Christian Bible; the Roman Catholic Church is fully described in your Bible,

and it is not very flattering, she is referred to as the whore or the harlot."

The March 1947 issue of AMERICA SPEAKS contains a lead article entitled: "The Roman Catholic Church," which states in part that "in our opinion the Roman Catholic Church is doomed. Pope Pius XII will more than likely be the last Pope ever to reign. . . strictly speaking Roman Catholicism is not Christian."

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#### THE DEFENDER

THE DEFENDER, a monthly published in Wichita, Kansas: Reverend Winrod, Gerald, E., publisher.

Rev. Winrod, a Fundamentalist minister from Wichita, Kansas, is the author of numerous books and pamphlets. Known as one of the most vicious anti-Semites in the country, his attacks against the Catholic Church have been equally as wicked. He uses his position as a minister to spread anti-minority hatred. He expresses more sympathy for the defeated Nazi leaders, than for the victims of Hitler. He is a personal friend of most of the anti-Semitic leaders in the United States. Winrod was named in all three of the now defunct wartime sedition indictments handed down in Washington, D.C. in the years 1942 to 1944, the charges being those of plotting to incite mutiny in the armed forces, and attempting to unseat the Government of the United States in order to set up a Nazi regime here. Throughout his career, Winrod has tried many stunts to win a substantial following, but all his efforts to become the recognized leader of the "nationalists" have thus far failed.

An article entitled: "Papal Political Usurpation" appeared in the May 1947 issue of THE DEFENDER magazine. The article charged that "Papal Political Usurpation is an evil of first magnitude. . . .The Papal oligarchy usurps and wields temporal power. . . .Free men cannot remain free when they become political serfs of an ecclesiastical oligarchy engaged in insidious political usurpation. . . .Papal political usurpation is the result of Papal political intrigue, which propagates two monstrous fallacies."

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THE INDIVIDUALIST

THE INDIVIDUALIST, semi-monthly published in Danville, Va: Stephens, Guy C., publisher.

This publication has made a regular practice of taking up the cudgels in "causes" favored by Nationalists and anti-Semitic groups and individuals. It has given space to plugs for both the Ku Klux Klan and the infamous forgery "Protocols of the Elders of Zion"; it has also resurrected the atrocious falsehood of "Jewish ritual murder." Stephens, in his outbursts against Catholics, as well as Jews, and in his defense of all obstructionist aims and personalities, has become increasingly vitriolic.

THE INDIVIDUALIST, in its issue of September 15th, 1947 neatly smears, by innuendo, both the Catholics and the Jews, inferring that both are criminal types,

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THE KINGDOM DIGEST

THE KINGDOM DIGEST, published in Fort Worth, Texas: Lovell, J.A., publisher.

J.A. Lovell is a Fundamentalist minister residing in Fort Worth, Texas. The magazine is derived ideologically from the anti-Semitic Anglo-Saxon Federation which attempts to prove that the Anglo-Saxons are descendants of one of the lost Tribes of Israel and are truly "The Chosen" of God. Lovell's hatred extends to others beside the Jew. At the Anglo-Saxon Federation Convention held in 1946, he attacked the Catholic Church, ridiculing priestly vestment as female attire, and described priests as dupes of an inner group. He also linked Catholicism with Communism, stating that both must be done away with.

THE KINGDOM DIGEST, in its issue of August 1947, discussed a speech made by Pope Pius XII. The article states that "at last the Roman Catholic Church openly and officially declared its aim for world-wide power."

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THE METHODIST CHALLENGE

THE METHODIST CHALLENGE, a monthly published in Los Angeles, California: Reverend Shuler, Robert, P., publisher.

Rev. Robert P. Shuler is pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in Los Angeles. THE

METHODIST CHALLENGE reflects Rev. Shuler's vicious anti-Semitism. Because of protests from the Methodist Church, which has declared itself against anti-Semitism, Shuler's magazine contains the statement that it is not a church publication. Shuler had a regular Sunday morning radio program which was cancelled during the war by the Federal Communications Commission. The Government declared that Shuler was making statements detrimental to the war effort. In his church, he frequently preached the gospel of hate against minorities.

THE METHODIST CHALLENGE of April 18, 1948 accused the Roman Catholic Church of being instrumental in having cancelled the license of radio station WGEF in California. The article states further that the SUNDAY VISITOR "virtually concedes, by indirection, that the Romanists were active in that cancellation and urges them to be alert that no such Protestant stations be permitted to remain on the air."

Another article on the same page speaks of a Protestant mission in South America which was "practically destroyed by a Roman Catholic mob." According to the article, "the priest organized a hundred or more Indians and low class natives, got them drunk and under cover of the night" directed the destruction of the mission.

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THE PROTESTANT WAR VETERANS

THE PROTESTANT WAR VETERANS, Washington, D.C. is headed by Edward James Smythe, an anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic, anti-Negro pamphleteer. Smythe puts out an impressive letterhead, which lists eleven "affiliated organizations" and two "official publications." There are no publications of any kind, and the organizations are merely fictitious fronts for Smythe's nefarious activities. Smythe has been repudiated by all representative veterans groups.

Several circulars were issued in the name of the PROTESTANT WAR

VETERANS. One circular is titled:

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
NOW! THE UNOFFICIAL POLITICAL PARTY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
POLITICAL CONSPIRACY

Another circular is titled:

REGISTER ALL  
BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND NUNS  
AS ALIEN AGENTS of a FOREIGN POWER  
SEPARATION of CHURCH and STATE  
MUST BE - and will be MAINTAINED

A third circular denounces William Randolph Hearst for supporting Universal Military Training. It charges that Hearst has now become the "Unofficial Voice" of the Vatican State.

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#### THE WESTERN VOICE

THE WESTERN VOICE, published in Englewood, Colorado: Springer, Harvey H., publisher.

Harvey H. Springer, known as the "cowboy preacher" is pastor of the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle, Englewood, Colorado. In the past ten years, Springer's influence has been growing, not only with respect to his congregation and the circulation of his publication, but also with respect to his wide-spread contacts among leaders of the hate movement in America. His pulpit has been a sounding board for many of the leading anti-Semites and un-American propagandists. Springer's hate mongering, carried on in his sermons and in the pages of his WESTERN VOICE, attacks the usual victims of un-American bigotry. Beside the Jews and Catholics, Springer inveighs against labor unions, Negroes, and immigrants.

An anti-Catholic article in the July 5th, 1945 issue of THE WESTERN VOICE is entitled "The Judgment of the Great Whore." It accuses Roman Catholicism of being "Baptised Paganism," and states that "The modern Nuns of Catholicism are imitations of the 'Vestal Virgins' of pagan Rome. . . . Mystery, Babylon the great, is the MOTHER of harlots and abominations of the earth. . . . Rome has for centuries been the seat of those false religions symbolized by the Babylons. . . ."

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#### THE WHITE HORSE

THE WHITE HORSE, a monthly published in College Park, Georgia: Dennis, J.A., publisher.

J.A. Dennis is reported to be a "half-mast" Seventh Day Adventist preacher. He seems to believe that he can do a service to God if



he can convert Catholics from their beliefs and expose the Catholic Church as a diabolical institution.

Subscription blanks for THE WHITE HORSE frankly admit that the publication is anti-Catholic. It announces that it is "devoted to exposing the Pope and Priestcraft." The publication is viciously anti-Catholic, although anti-Semitism is evidenced. Typical are the following quotes which appeared in the April, 1948 issue: "Why don't they spend some of their advertising money to show what the Catholic Church is doing in Spain? Yes, all Protestant Churches (except two) have been closed. Free Masons are put in prison for being such. Yet, their murderous Catholic leaders have the blessings of the Pope, also of Spellman and Priestcraft." One article is headed: A ROMAN CATHOLIC CANNOT BE A CHRISTIAN.

Another states: "The Catholic Church harbors and allows the vilest crooks on earth. They allow men to murder, steal, lie, get drunk, to commit fornication, to burn men and babies, to rape, to cheat, to swindle widows. Yes, they can do these things and be in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. But to quit the Catholic Church means excommunication. . . There is not one red from Stalin down as dangerous as the Pope."

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ORIGINAL SOUTHERN KLAN, INC.

THE ORIGINAL SOUTHERN KLAN, INC., is an "unmasked Ku Klux Klan splinter group," avowedly anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic as well as anti-Negro, which has been organized with headquarters in Columbus, Ga.

The new group has banned the wearing of hoods and night sheets-- "except during ritualistic ceremonies" -- because of "improprieties that have been committed by masked figures purporting to represent the Klans."

Judge T. Hicks Fort of Columbus granted the organization a charter despite the fact that its aims and purposes closely resemble those of the old Klan, which was listed as subversive by the Department of Justice and had its charter revoked by the State of Georgia.

Formation of the splinter faction, which presently takes in western Georgia and eastern Alabama has its background in an old struggle for power between the old Klan, and "Parson Jack" Johnston of Columbus, Ga., former publisher of the notorious Georgia Tribune.

Johnston and Fred New, present owner of the Georgia Tribune, are the behind-the-scene big wigs in the new movement. Its charter was signed by Alton E. Pate, 23 year old veteran and attorney; Louis F. Hill, a mechanic; and T. L. Colwell, private detective.

The dissidents have captured two "konklaves" from the old Klan as a base of operations. These are the Columbus and Pine Mountain Valley chapters. New is Kleagle of the latter group.

Pate, who calls himself "Adjutant," has announced an expansion drive and is appealing for "white, gentile, Protestant Americans" to join. Objective is to first organize Georgia and then spread throughout the South.

The charter of ORIGINAL SOUTHERN KLANs, states frankly that it is a profit-making organization. It has a capital of \$5,000 and proposes to float both a common and preferred stock. It plans to publish newspapers and magazines, to operate a printing plant, a radio station, and a textile factory to manufacture ceremonial robes, as well as exhibit motion pictures and run a death benefit insurance plan.

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Further evidence of this type of hate mongering against Catholic and Jew may be found in many parts of the country. The report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights (To Secure These Rights) indicates the extent and growth of racial and religious bigotry in this country which affects Catholics and Jews alike.

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, in an article entitled "Bigotry is un-American," which appeared in the American Magazine stated: "All fair minded Americans must oppose bigotry not only from a sense of justice, but also from a sense of safety, for, if tolerated, it can be directed

at any race or religion and then may rebound against all of them. If we incite, participate, or connive in violence against our fellow citizens, we are bad Americans. If we stir up, propagate, or cherish race hatred, we are likewise bad Americans and traitors to American ideals."

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## THE COMMUNIST FRONT

The Cominform-Tito rift has remained pretty much in status quo during the past month. The Cominform's organ "For a Lasting Peace, for a Peoples' Democracy" continues to set the tone of vituperative attack on Tito for all subservient Communist parties to follow. Stalin with his characteristic Asiatic cunning and infinite patience is moving very slowly against the first serious challenge to his monolithic power in twenty years. There is no question that he will move implacably to crush incipient mutiny now known as "Titoism" wherever it raises its head. Some observers seemed to feel that the death of ANDREI ZHDANOV, powerful politburo member, might open a way toward healing the breach. ZHDANOV, founder of the COMINFORM and Stalin's voice on that revived, regional form of the Communist International, had brought with him from Russia the bitter indictment of the Yugoslav Communists passed by the COMINFORM last June. This is merely confusing Edgar Bergen with Mortimer Snerd -- ZHDANOV as Snerd was no more than a ventriloquist's dummy for the voice of the master, Stalin. And his removal from the scene does not change the situation one iota as any serious student of Stalinist regime knows full well. World Communism, while its present fountainhead of doctrine is centered in one man -- Stalin, is not a personal empire which will change or collapse by the death or removal of single individuals no matter how highly placed they may be.

Tito meanwhile has moved swiftly and ruthlessly to consolidate his power and to protect his dangerous position in every way possible. Anguished howls of "Turkish terrorism" and "terroristic repression" by the world Communist press, are eloquent testimony to the ruthless efficiency of Tito's secret police, the OZNA, in cleaning out pro-Cominform dissidents in Yugoslavia. In retaliation VITTORIO VIDALI, who in Spain used the name of CARLOS CONTRERAS, an international Communist assassin who allegedly liquidated Trotsky in Mexico in 1940, issued what amounts to a death warrant against Tito from Trieste. VIDALI, alias CONTRERAS, alias SORMENTO and several other aliases, has been posing as a local Communist leader in Trieste since his departure from Mexico a few years ago. At a recent conference of Triestene Communists VIDALI not only purged all pro-Tito Commies but passed the word that any Communist who had the chance should remove Tito. VIDALI had just returned from Rome where he had conferred with LONGO and other top Italian Communists in close touch with Moscow. The open season on Tito for Communist assassins was obviously not an extemporaneous remark of the moment originating with VIDALI. However, as this SUMMARY has previously pointed out, Tito is a seasoned Comintern terrorist since at least 1924 and a professional "liquidator" in Spain who knows all the tricks of the trade. His would-be assassins will find the going real tough.

Undeterred by his troubles with the Kremlin, Tito has persisted in his anti-Western, anti-religious, anti-capitalistic program. The Yugoslav delegation voted solidly with the Russian bloc at the farcical Danube conference. All Catholic newspapers in Yugoslavia except four have been shut down. There once were over 150. Nuns have been expelled wholesale from schools and hospitals. All Catholic schools have been closed. Over 250 priests and sixty nuns are in prison on various trumped up charges ranging from "financial speculation" to "crimes against the people" which covers about everything. Intelligence reports from Hungary state that heavy munitions shipments from Russia and Czechoslovakia continue to roll over the Hungarian railway systems to Tito-slavia. Yugoslavia is heavily dependent on Russian arms and munitions as all western sources have been closed to her for the past three years.

DAILY WORKER space, always at a premium, for the past month has been heavily devoted to the Wallace campaign, Wallace speeches, and desperate efforts to build up a labor following for their candidate in face of the A.F.L., C.I.O., and Railway Brotherhoods rejection of the former Vice-President's campaign. The

Communists also were forced to set aside a big share of their space to essentially defensive news. C.P. blood pressure was also dangerously raised by the judicial decision of a New York judge restricting the indicted Communists from moving outside of the court's jurisdiction until their trial comes up in October. The Communists screamed to high heaven that this was an illegal abrogation of their Constitutional rights, etc., etc. This SUMMARY pointed out in a recent issue the type of impudent activities several leading Communists facing deportation or trials have engaged in while out on bail. In many cases this amounted to a brazen continuance of the very activities for which they were indicted or picked up for deportation. At least one United States judge had the courage and patriotism to end such Communist offrontery. But another United States judge has recently nullified this decision by granting the indicted Communists full and unrestricted freedom of travel throughout the continental United States.

The House Un-American Activities Committee's sensational hearings on Communist espionage rings set up in this country were hardly conducive to Stalinist peace of mind. Going over to the defensive has always been a major strategic reverse for the Communists. Their whole grand strategy has always been offensive and audacious and never to allow themselves to be maneuvered into a defensive position. The spy disclosures apparently are considered so serious and have so badly worried the Muscovites in this country that they have been forced to make a radical departure from their previous "laugh it off and forget it" technique of handling such embarrassing situations. Investigators or snoopers are now assigned to "get something" on all people prominently mentioned in connection with anti-Communist testimony. For example, the foreman of the Grand Jury in New York which brought in the indictments against the twelve Communist leaders was subjected to an extensive background investigation and then smeared in typical Communist fashion over some alleged real estate transgressions fifteen years ago as "proof of bias" against Communists and hence unfit to sit on the Grand Jury. Each juror's home was cased and appraised as to probable value in order to demonstrate the "big money reactionaryism" of the juror in question. The whole survey was then blown up into a full page WORKER "expose". As this Grand Jury is still sitting, this Communist smear stunt is in itself clearly contempt of court. Congressmen and others active against the Communists have been similarly "investigated" and slandered.

The CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, a C.P. front, has undertaken full charge of the defense of the twelve indicted Communist leaders. September 1 to October 15 have been set aside for a campaign to raise \$250,000 for "the finest attorneys available, radio, newspaper, and other means for bringing the facts to the public". All stooge and union organizations are tipped off to call protest meetings from coast to coast. The DAILY WORKER counsels: "Broad mass action defeated the Mundt Bill, but above all, we must make the workers understand that they have a big stake in this case; that the outlawing of the C.P. would be a deadly blow against the labor movement, against American civil liberties, and against mass living standards". Some 395 Negro leaders sparked by PAUL ROBESON, W.E.B. DUBOIS, ROSCOE DUNJEE, publisher of the Oklahoma City BLACK DISPATCH, and attorney CHARLES P. HOWARD of Des Moines, signed a public statement denouncing the indictment as an "infringement of civil rights, an attempt to frighten the people away from the Wallace movement, and to strengthen the current drive to war". Eighteen top Australian labor leaders, all presumably Communists or C.P. dupes, have protested the arrest of the twelve U. S. Communists to no less authority than the United Nations itself. The United States Government is charged by these compatriots of the incomparable HARRY BRIDGES with having "violated the U.N. provision for observance of fundamental human rights and fundamental freedoms".

Following up the same Communist line of contumacious audacity or sheer crust, the DAILY WORKER on August 23 solemnly charged that the F.B.I. and State Department had violated the Roosevelt-Litvinoff agreement of 1933 "by plotting and conniv-

ing with Countess Tolstoy and other sinister, professional anti-Sovieters preaching war" to abduct the Soviet school teacher Kasonkina. In heavy bold-faced type the DAILY WORKER warns the American people "for in the criminal war these cliques are breeding, it is America's youth who will do the dying". It's about time that the Attorney General or Postmaster General put this Commy rag out of business.

While their talk is cheeky enough, Communist actions are much more cagey and timorous. Names of C.P. members are seldom listed in the DAILY WORKER any longer. Even obituary notices are signed only with first names. Customary long lists of greeting senders who proudly flaunted their C.P. membership or sympathy in the past, have given way to much shorter lists of organizations, unidentified groups, initials, pseudonyms, and other devices for concealment of identity.

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#### WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING

The analysis of Communist propaganda as reflected by breaking down their news space into some sixteen general categories, shows an extremely interesting change since last month. Instead of using unit columns, only items a half column or more are tallied and classified. Front page half spreads are counted as two items in relative weights of importance. The following analysis is based on the DAILY WORKER, CHICAGO STAR, NEW WORLD, and MICHIGAN HERALD. It will be noted that last month's three leading subjects of C.P. interest; Communist activities, Negro items of interest, and alleged "police brutality" have all been dropped to lower importance by the upsurge of Wallace news and other subjects which the C.P. last month considered of greater importance or urgency. Communist panic is reflected in the tremendously increased amount of space devoted to straight out-and-out defense material as well as to attacks on anti-Communists. The inordinate amount of space assigned to vilifying and slandering anti-Communists springs largely from a desire to scare off future witnesses before investigating committees and other governmental bodies rather than from mere malice and a yon for revenge against those who have already testified. As space is always at a premium in Communist papers, the following tabulation makes some interesting disclosures on Communist thinking, planning and psychological reactions:

<u>SUBJECT OR GENERAL CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>
Wallace campaign, speeches, and Progressive Party news	214
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Attacks on anti-Communists investigative committees, F.B.I., etc.	52
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News on foreign Communist parties, Greek guerrillas, China, etc.	51
Soviet accomplishments, defense U.S.S.R. foreign policy	43
Communist activities, program, etc.	40
Morale disintegration material (corruption everywhere theme)	27
Attacks on business, both major parties, the South, C.I.O. & A.F.L.	25
Palestine and Arab-Jewish question	22
Attacks on U.S. Foreign policy, ERP, defense measures, draft, etc.	21
Attacks on non-Communist foreign governments including Vatican	20
Police brutality all over the United States	17
Berlin crisis, German affairs	15
C.P. front organizations and front personalities	11

Although the American Federation of Labor, various radical splinter groups, and not a few old line economists continue to warn of a coming depression, the C.P. press has been singularly silent now for the past several months on the Varga theme song. Eugen Varga himself is presumably still in bad in Russia for his American economic prognostications which failed to materialize. The Communist ECONOMIC NOTES published by Labor Research Association, always hopefully searching the horizon for signs of bad weather ahead, ruefully admits in its September issue that "government economists on the whole expect the boom to continue into 1949".

Not since 1920 have the American agents of Soviet Russia been in such deservedly bad repute. Stalin's Fifth Column is now under heaviest fire all along the line. The American public is becoming increasingly aroused and concerned over the full implications of permitting such a treacherous and dangerous movement to fester any longer in our body politic. The Mundt-Nixon Bill failed of passage in the Senate due to insufficient mobilization of public pressure but its overwhelming passage in the House of Representatives augurs early reconsideration when Congress convenes in January. The vast spy ring disclosures, as yet probably only 10% uncovered, have been particularly disastrous to the Communists. The indictments against their leadership, if intelligently and energetically pressed, mean more serious trouble for Stalin's bully boys over here. All in all, the C.P., USA, today is in a serious state of crisis if the Russian expansionist provocations continue and the pressure against the Party in this country does not slacken or get sidetracked by other developments. The Communists therefore like a punch-drunk prizefighter stalling for the bell, are desperately hoping for an early business and economic recession to give them a breather and chance to reform their ranks.

A DAILY WORKER editorial moaned that Communists were now suffering "the most vicious campaign of persecution this country has ever seen". It was being engulfed in "oceans of lies and slanders". Another editorial by Mahatma WILLIAM Z. FOSTER himself dwelt on the familiar C.P. theme that the government's indictment of twelve C.P. leaders was the "next step to Fascism and war". It also happily quoted the Attorney General of the United States as saying that no espionage case could be drawn up against the C.P. leadership. It lovingly quoted its present darling HENRY WALLACE as denouncing in one of his speeches "the whole pattern of fear and terror which has developed in this free land of ours since FDR died".

So busy have the Commies been in defending themselves and in attacking anti-Communists that most of the C.P. press failed to pick up the Lt. Dreher case which the N.K.V.D. boys in Moscow had obviously cooked up as an answer to the Soviet espionage disclosures in this country by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Or perhaps American Stalinists were smart enough to see that this crude frame-up would boomerang and quietly passed it up. American newspapers have learned a great deal in the past two years and they riddled the clumsy Soviet plant and sunk it out of sight in less than two days.

Navy Lieutenant Dreher, safely back in this country, was accused by the Soviets of "espionage" with some unidentified Russian Customs guard. Bad mistake No. 1. Soviet customs officials would be of little, if any, value to a real foreign agent. Mistake No. 2. American Navy lieutenants in a country like Russia are supercareful of particularly just such clumsy booby traps as this. Mistake No. 3. The Bolos failed to identify the Russian culprit or even make any mention that he was tried and shot as a matter of routine. The GPU has long specialized in terrorizing its people by making horrible examples of alleged traitors. The Moscow purges and show trials were propaganda stunts whose primary purpose was to indoctrinate the Russian population with the Stalinist line that Mother Russia is surrounded by greedy, sinister, plotting capitalist countries bent on her destruction and enslavement and that the first task of every patriotic, loyal Russian was to avoid foreigners like the pest and to report all incidents which might possibly uncover espionage. Never,



never, does a single Russian accused of treason remain unknown to the public so that if a Russian had as much as actually spoken to Lt. Dreher on the street, his fate would have been broadcast over the land in a matter of hours. And Dreher would never have gotten out of Russia alive.

The MVD's bungling of such a simple frame-up job shows that Beria's bully boys have learned little or nothing in improving their techniques since the clumsy forgeries and historical howlers they committed in the gigantic purges and massacres of 1936-38. Consul Lomakin's howler about sinister "White Guards" who haunted Riverside Drive jabbing hypodermic needles into innocent Soviet school teachers out for the air and then kidnapping them to secret prison farms operated by "White Guard bandits" was in the very best MVD style. Such tripe may sound quite convincing and logical to the average Russian, for whom it was obviously prepared and considered adequate, but hardly the sort of stuff which would fool even a backward ten year old American lad. And poor Lomakin is still probably wondering why his cock and bull fairy story failed to click with the stupid bourgeois Amerikanskis.

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#### COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, RELIGION, ARTS, & SCHOOLS

The espionage and government infiltration story has now been partly told before several Congressional committees, notably the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Ferguson Committee. Printed hearings will shortly be available and the news coverage on most of the important testimony was more than ample. It would be redundant and repetitive for this SUMMARY even to summarize the highlights of these dramatic disclosures. However, an unfortunate and very serious mistake is being made by those who feel that the espionage was the main purpose and activity of the supersecret Communist rings, or as the Party itself identified them - "units". These government units which were completely isolated from any C.P. contact or normal Communist activity, which kept no records, never used the mails, and acted with hypercaution, were known to certain government intelligence officers as far back as 1938. The names and suspected activities of several of those named as probable spies in last month's testimony were common knowledge in informed Washington circles as far back as 1941. Those who attended the Americanism Division's Counter-Subversive Seminar at Washington last November will recall that at least two of our speakers, Isaac Don Levine, and Howard Rushmore, told most of the story recently made public.

COUNTER-ATTACK and HUMAN EVENTS have both pointed out to their subscribers that even atomic espionage, as important as that was to the Russians, was secondary to the infiltration of pro-Soviet intellectuals into key government positions on a policy-making level. Thus far the curtain has only been slightly lifted on the whole stupendous story of "Betrayal From Within" which is now being made public. Edna Lonigan in the September 8 issue of HUMAN EVENTS tells the whole incredible story succinctly and forcibly. Miss Lonigan points out that espionage is dangerous and can be prevented or circumvented in a large measure by tight security measures. We have, however, no laws or at present effective counter-measures against what might be called "treason from within", that is to say, government officials on a policy-making level who advise their superiors or otherwise are instrumental in setting up far-reaching policies, the ultimate effect of which will be to weaken the United States, economically, politically, diplomatically, or militarily in the face of mounting Soviet aggression. The betrayal of Mikhailovitch, the sell-out of Poland, the knifing of Nationalist China, and a long list of vacillating, weak-kneed, stultifying actions and policies which destroyed American prestige abroad and lost us allies or potential allies, if traced back to their sources, would be found to be the "honest

mistakes of honest men who thought they were making the best possible decisions for the good of the United States". In a democracy you cannot convict or even indict an honest man for making an "honest mistake". But you can replace them with people who apparently make less mistakes likely to affect America's future security and prestige. And whose mistakes when they do make any are not always invariably in the Soviet Union's favor and always against the United States. Miss Lonigan's article is separately appended to this issue by special permission of HUMAN EVENTS, 1323 "M" Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Extra copies of Issue No. 241, September 8, 1948, may be secured directly from HUMAN EVENTS by remitting fifteen cents in stamps.

The Senate Sub-Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, headed by Senator Ferguson of Michigan, has just issued a thirty-page report criticizing the whole loyalty check program of the government. The report among other things charged that the whole loyalty program "has been unreasonably delayed". That fifteen months after the issuance of the President's Executive Order No. 9835, four regional boards have not even been set up. That the FBI has not been advised "in a single case of final action taken" on cases of discharged suspects. Policy directives of the Loyalty Review Board itself are "ambiguous and have resulted in confusion. There has been no apparent effort to eliminate this confusion". Applicants even in sensitive positions are still hired without even preliminary loyalty checks and months sometimes intervene before a routine check is ordered. There apparently is no planned procedure for follow-up of loyalty checks for cleared employees in minor non-sensitive jobs who later are promoted to responsible or highly sensitive positions. Agency loyalty boards are composed of top officials of that agency who, in effect, pass on the loyalty of their associates, subordinates, and those they themselves have hired, an obviously unsatisfactory and slipshod arrangement. The Committee's report concluded: "The present policy of the executive branch of the government of refusing to furnish information to this Sub-Committee concerning the handling of loyalty cases, has made our task most difficult". The Sub-Committee will continue its efforts to obtain that information which it believes essential to the furtherance of this investigation".

Meanwhile, an Assistant Chief of the Visa Division, Department of State, Robert C. Alexander, finds himself facing an ouster not because of disloyalty but because he truthfully told a Congressional Committee that he had evidence of the infiltration of dangerous foreign agents into this country under the guise of officials and employees of various fringe organizations of the United Nations. This very important case is all too likely to pass unnoticed in the press. Alexander is one of the State Department's staunchest and oldest anti-Communists. He first prepared the memo against HANS EISLER which led to the Soviet stooge's unmasking and ousting from this country. He also detected and exposed the heavy Communist infiltration into O.W.I. Needless to add, such activity made him a marked man among the striped pants and tea appeasers of Jos. Stalin in the State Department. An unusual procedure was adopted. A committee of three Washington citizens not connected with the government were sworn into the State Department and asked to sit as judge and jury on Alexander's charges.

One was the editor of a Washington paper who had already disqualified himself by a prejudiced editorial against Alexander. The other two were total non-entities of doubtful qualification for this type of study requiring at least some background knowledge of the whole vast problem of international Communism. The Committee studied Alexander's charges and found them wanting. Because Alexander was unable to produce "hundreds of cases of dangerous saboteurs and terrorists", it decided that fifteen or twenty was an unimportant trickle! One of these happened to be involved in the Canadian atomic espionage case but the whitewash crew was looking for quantity and not quality and the finer implications of the potential danger represented by even five or six top notch foreign agents was totally lost on them. They did admit lamely that it had "some doubts as to whether the activities

of several individuals, after arrival, were consistent with our national security" thus in effect conceding the truth of Alexander's charges. It carefully avoided finding him guilty of any specific charge but expressed pious "shock" at the manner in which these serious charges were made. If Robert C. Alexander is fired after twenty-two years of faithful and loyal service to his country, observers promise it will break out into an American Dreyfuss scandal. Former intelligence officers and security-minded Americans will find this State Department whitewash Report No. 699 by a pseudo-"impartial" committee an interesting example of legalistic bumbling through the looking glass of Alice in Wonderland by three naive innocents.

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### COMMUNISTS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

The broad general offensive against the Stalinists continues in the C.I.O. with former Communist "Red Mike" QUILL and former fellow traveller JOSEPH CURRAN leading the battle. QUILL, who is also a city councilman, pushed through a resolution in one of his largest locals branding DOUGLAS MACMAHON and JOHN SANTO as "despicable liars and disruptionists" -- strong words even in a C.I.O. union. The resolution further charged them with supporting the Communist Party line with greater fervor than they exerted in pressing for legitimate trade union objectives. QUILL was also instrumental in getting loud-mouthed little HARRY SACHER fired from his lucrative post of General Counsel to Local #100 of the T.W.U. SACHER has been charged with being a Communist and was also the attorney of record in SANTO'S deportation hearings. Incidentally, SANTO, a Rumanian alien illegally in this country, is still with us although hearings were opened on his case a year ago and his deportation recommended last April. The Adjudications Division of the immigration service, is still "studying" his case.

Frederick Woltman, intrepid exposé of Commy shenanigans for the New York World Telegram, disclosed that SACHER collected at least \$39,000 in retainer fees annually plus expenses from several other unions, one of them a supposedly conservative A.F.L. union. How many other unions retained SACHER at fat retainer fees was not disclosed. Local #100 of the T.O.U. paid him \$6,000 per year. The International itself handed him another \$12,000 annually plus expenses. The AFL Musicians Union Local #802 paid pro-Communist SACHER \$8,500 for his talents and the equally conservative AFL Motion Picture Operators Union #306 shelled out another \$12,000 every year to Comrade SACHER. As Woltman points out in his article, \$39,000 a year for an arch foe of American capitalism is not bad. The Communist controlled Painters Union also at one time retained MR. SACHER at \$5,000 per year. Last year a World War II veteran, Martin Rarback, defeated and replaced veteran Communist hack LOUIS WEINSTOCK. Rarback told the World Telegram "I was inaugurated at 6 a.m., July 1, 1947. At 6:10 a.m., I fired SACHER". Rarback's alertness should have served as an example to other unionists.

The T.W.U. fight against the Stalinists who have been largely in control since the Union's founding, is mounting in intensity. QUILL still has to buck the mechanical majority of seventeen Communists on his International Executive Board of twenty-four. "RED MIKE" nevertheless threatens to "clean 'em all out" at the coming convention in Chicago in December. He pulled a rather neat Communist trick on the Comies at a packed T.W.U. meeting in Brooklyn when he asked "all who oppose Communism" to rise. Over 95% of the 1,500 present jumped to their feet. QUILL then asked all those favoring Communism to stand up and be counted. Only three comrades stupidly allowed themselves to be trapped by standing, the "fraction" naturally playing possum. QUILL then triumphantly demonstrated that the overwhelming majority of

the local were opposed to the C.P. The comrades gnashed their teeth in rage. They scored, however, in the International Executive Board on the convention site. QUILL and the anti-Communists wanted New York City, where Mayor O'Dwyer and C.I.O. President Phil Murray had promised to speak. So the Stalinists moved the convention to Chicago. Anti-Communists locals in the East will find that it will cost them \$100,000 to send their delegations to the Windy City.

In the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, Joseph Curran is showing that he knows how to handle Commies -- and not with kid gloves. Anti-Communists being average Americans and therefore soft-hearted and forgiving generally "let bygones be bygones" after defeating Communists in a union. CURRAN, who has been through the mill, knows better. He knows you can't coddle a half-frozen cobra. The N.M.U. President is pursuing his housecleaning with merciless determination. Three of the worst Stalinists have been tried, found guilty, and expelled from union. He has also privately assured his friends that he intends to root out every last dangerous Commy. Curran fully appreciates the danger of ever trusting a Communist or of showing silly sentimentalism toward a treacherous and merciless Stalinist.

The recent UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA convention ended in a clean sweep for the Communists. The embattled Carey-Block faction of pro-Americans never was able to muster more than 10% on any important vote. The convention even went so far with typical Commy brass as to censure its former President James Carey, Secretary of the C.I.O. for "defaming and slandering the UE" because he testified before a Congressional committee under subpoena that his union was Communist-controlled. ALBERT J. FITZGERALD, a seasoned fellow traveller and Wallacito, was re-elected to his eighth term as President by a majority of about five to one over his anti-Communist opponent, Harry Block. All the other left-wingers were swept into office by the Stalinist-packed convention. The Communists, however, lacked the nerve to endorse Wallace's candidacy, frankly admitting that it might "split the organization wide open". The peacetime draft was denounced by the UE convention by a vote of about five to three as part of big business's war against the American people. Its repeal was urged.

Meanwhile, 6,500 UE members employed by the Royal Typewriter Company in Connecticut, voted in an U.L.R.B. election to secede and join the anti-Communist UNITED AUTO WORKERS.

ARTHUR DEAKIN, British Trade Union leader and President of the WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, finally admitted before the British Trade Union Congress last week that the W.F.T.U. is Communist dominated. A resolution urging support of the W.F.T.U. was easily defeated, leading observers to believe that the powerful British T.U.C. is now moving toward disaffiliation from the W.F.T.U. The mood of the British unionists against their Communist minority was reported as the "bitterest ever seen in trade union history".

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#### THE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

The bishops of the world-wide Anglican Communion, meeting in London last month for the first time in eighteen years, found the menace of Communism the greatest challenge Christianity has ever faced. A 173-page report stated the Anglican church's accomplishments, policies, and problems. The chapter on Communism stated:

"The most highly organized, consistent, powerful, and destructive form of secularism is beyond doubt dialectical materialism and the type of Communism in which it is embodied. This is perhaps the one live alternative to the Christian interpretation of man. Between the two there can be no compromise and it seems to be increasingly probable that it is between these two that the world must choose. Neutral positions may not long be tenable."

No further counter-subversive seminars were reported by any Departments during the past month. A nation-wide Governors' Conference has been called by the joint California and Washington State Legislative Un-American Activities Committee for September 20-22, at Los Angeles. Outstanding authorities on the problem of subversion have been invited to make reports to the Conference and both Americanism Director W. C. "Ten" Sawyer and Research Specialist Karl Baarslag will address the Conference. Primary purpose of the Conference is to exchange views and information, lay plans for legislative action on state levels, and to set up a permanent clearing house for state governments on all subversive problems. The Conference will be fully reported in the October issue of this SUMMARY.

The Washington, D. C. General Assembly of the Knights of Columbus has announced that it will conduct a nine month series of town hall meetings on various aspects of Communism. There will be a meeting every month presided over by some nationally known authority as moderator. Members will participate in the discussion. Purpose is to train K. of C. men in all angles of subversive problems so that they in turn can become capable speakers on the problem.

The American Veterans Committee, evidently smarting under charges that it has not taken a sufficiently positive attitude towards Communism, has instituted proceedings against one of its members, JOHN GATES, Editor of the DAILY WORKER. A board of inquiry was set up to hear charges against the Communist writer with a view of ousting him on grounds that C.P. membership is incompatible with A.V.C. membership. GATES has been active in the A.V.C. for several years.

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#### HOW NOT TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

Legionnaires should publicly deplore the increasing tendency of newspaper writers and others employing sloppy terminology in describing such former Communists as Louis Budenz, Whittaker Chambers, Elizabeth Bentley, and others as "renegades", "turncoats", or in similar derogatory language. "Turncoat" is generally associated with apostasy in religion and a "renegade" is one who turns against his own race or nation. Neither have ever enjoyed a complimentary connotation. If Communism is all that we know it to be, then obviously one who abandons such an anti-social un-American philosophy and redeems himself by exposing his former evil associates and their plots becomes a public benefactor -- not a "renegade". In the world-wide cold war which the United States is fighting against Soviet Communism, Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers become combat heroes of the first order.

Maintaining discipline and unshakable loyalty is one of the greatest problems of American Communists. Every evil art of slander, terror, and character assassin is employed to keep waverers and backsliders from dropping out and talking

against the movement. The C.P. never attacks or criticizes ex-Communists who drop out and keep silent. It reserves its full hatred and unbridled vilification for those few hardy souls who quit and tell all they know. The epithets "traitor", "stool-pigeon", "renegade" and "turncoat" are used in almost every sentence of the DAILY WORKER. Writers on non-Communist publications, therefore, who use such typical DAILY WORKER slanders in describing former Communists either do so deliberately with malice aforethought or else expose themselves as unwitting dupes for the C.P. line in that they ignorantly parrot Communist terminology and help the Commies in swearing those very people who should enjoy our highest regard and sympathy. One intelligent, patriotic former Communist who helps the United States government uncover a vast spy ring or Soviet agents in our government is worth ten thousand ignorant and credulous ignoramuses who never in their entire lives did one positive thing against Communism except talk.

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#### QUIPS AND BITS, THE LIGHTER SIDE

Carefully reading the DAILY WORKER every day, page by page and line by line, is apt to get pretty hard on the stomach but even this Communist gutter sheet relieves its own drabness occasionally with some nifties and howlers. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (and there is nothing girly about GURLEY!) gets the booby prize of a second hand set of Trotsky's collected works for a prize bit of unconscious humor appearing in her column last week. La Flynn did a piece on former Soviet Consul LOMAKIN in the very best sob sister style of the '90's. It seems that poor Jacob was taken for a ride by a "hysterical woman who apparently could not make up her mind what she wanted -- to go or to stay". "If he had left the lady in the clutches of the White Russians whom she claimed drugged and kidnapped her, the American public would have put him down for a 'jerk'". Instead he did what all manly heroes in the movies do -- he dashed off to rescue her as soon as he received her cry for help. He was her hero and she told him of his bravery". Then Flynn goes on to say that like a fickle woman she changed her mind and poor Sir Galahad LOMAKIN was dumped in the soup by the villains of the American press who now conspired to paint him as a very low scoundrel indeed. After several more paragraphs of this La Flynn concludes with this final tid-bit; "She did not have to jump out of the window. She could have screamed her way out. There is something phony and frisky in the whole story. It can stand a lot more investigation -- and not by the House Un-American Activities Committee or the Russians on the New York Police force".

Elizabeth is also badly hurt by Mrs. Elinore Ginbel's snooty comments on the case. Mrs. Ginbel is a hardy perennial of the C.P. front and has a list of citations on front activity longer than a baboon's arm. She is reported, however, as having said that she was not surprised that Mrs. Kasenkina preferred the U.S.A. to the USSR. "Whoever thought that there was personal freedom in Russia?" she asked. Then she added insult to patent heresy by saying, "It was very human what those Russian teachers did. They like it here. I like it here. There is no question that it is nicer in America". To all of which Mrs. Flynn pouts "To my mind those remarks of Mrs. Ginbel are in extremely bad taste, to say the least". She then proceeds to give the wealthy contributor to endless C.P. fronts a good old fashioned Stalinist dressing down that bids fare to mark the end of Mrs. Ginbel as an angel for C.P. fronts.

Eviction battles evicted. Moving back the household goods of evicted poor people has long been a favorite tactic of otherwise unoccupied New York Communists. It was always good clean fun and paid off handsomely in publicity dividends.



The Lincoln-Douglas Community Center of the C.P. recently suffered a lapse of rent amnesia. Came the city marshals who caught the Commies napping. Result — New Yorkers were treated to the rare sight of Commies themselves being set out on the sidewalk.

Another heart-rending item comes down from New York for our "Things are tough all over department". J. Peters, alias Stevens, alias Roberts, alias Boorstein and a half dozen more noms de plume, complained to a New York Times writer that he had been out of work since his arrest last October. Peters, alias Boorstein, alias Stevens, etc., etc., has been in the United States illegally for at least fifteen or more years. Several former Communists have sworn before various government hearings that the man with the many aliases was the head of all Soviet espionage in America and also the all powerful and feared "Comintern Rep". Twenty-five years an alleged spy and now unable to find a decent job! Bloody shine we call it. No doubt Mr. "Peters" now draws full social security and other unemployed benefits. Will kind hearted Legionnaires kindly pass the hat for poor Mr. Peters, alias Stevens, alias Boorstein, alias Roberts and alias what have you.

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#### COMMUNISM ABROAD

The Berlin continuing crisis has naturally served to focus American interest on that spot. Meanwhile, Communist machinations and advances in South and Central America, the Far East, and elsewhere, are minimized or entirely overlooked. French Indo-China is economically prostrate and the Communists are gaining strength daily. The long arm of Moscow is active in Siam. Although outlawed last July, the Communist Party of Malaya continues its economic sabotage and near civil war in British Malaya. Communist influence in Indonesia is definitely not on the wane. The South Korean democratic government of Syngman Rhee is weak and will be an easy prey to advancing Communism from the North once American troops are withdrawn. Economic chaos is deepening in critically strategic China and the Red armies of Mao Tze Tung are steadily advancing and consolidating their grip on Northern China. American military aid to the embattled Chinese Nationalists has been negligible even under the expanded ERP. Luxembourg and Denmark, by decision of the State Department, are considered more important in containing Russian expansionist Communism than China a land of four hundred million people who have been valiantly fighting Communism for two decades and who fought the full fury of the Japs for nearly ten years alone and practically unaided. Roughly one billion human beings or three-quarters of the human race is squeezed into one continent — Asia. Poverty stricken, illiterate, and economically hopeless such a tremendous mass is a natural field for future Communist advances. Keep an eye on Asia.

Japan's slogan of "Asia for the Asiatics" has been taken over by the Soviets and the Russians who train and use native revolutionaries are quite naturally doing a far better selling job than the Japs did with military aggression and undisguised domination. All Asia is beginning to smoke before bursting into Moscow-arsoned flame. A Jesuit priest, the Rev. James Kearney, who spent eighteen years in China and who was interned by the Japs during the war has just returned to this country to lecture. Rev. Kearney is shocked to find that so few Americans understand China and what the present deteriorating situation means to the future of this country. In a recent newspaper interview he said:

"We won the war and reopened the open door to China only to let the Russians in as we chased the Japs out. There is a cold war going on in Europe in

which we seem to be doing all right of late. There is a hot war in China that concerns us vitally and we are losing it."

Father Kearney holds no brief for the National Government of Chiang Kai Shek but he adds "he's the only one blocking the Reds. The Generalissimo is like a dam holding back a dangerous flood. You don't tear the dam down until you can get a better one".

In Poland the Communist government has started a violent campaign of propaganda against individual ownership of farms knowing full well that Tito's lack of zeal in "liquidating the Kulaks as a class" was one of the initial stages to his fall from grace. Polish nationalism is even stronger than Jugo-slav nationalism. Polish Communists are therefore purging their ranks of all doubtful and wavering elements in a gigantic "chistka" or cleansing modelled on that remarkable Russian institution. The Polish Communists have forced a merger on the Socialists so that the combined membership of the two parties is expected to total 1,800,000. It is expected that as high as twenty percent of this number will certainly be "cleansed out". Terror meanwhile is being stepped up against patriotic, anti-Communist Poles. Two high school boys were sentenced to death for alleged anti-government activity. A priest was sentenced to four years imprisonment for conducting prayers for Poles exiled to Siberia. Other death sentences and long prison terms are openly recorded in the Polish press as having been meted out to "enemies of the people" the usual Commy double talk for "anti-Communists".

The brief rebellion against the Cominform by one of its creators, Wladislaw Gomulka, appears to have been quickly crushed. Gomulka, a veteran Comintern agent, has long been kept out of circulation due to "poor health". He was First Vice Premier and Minister of Regained Territories. Suspected of "Titoism", he quickly and docilely signed the usual Communist denunciation of the audacious Cominform rebel. Gomulka has been deprived of his Vice Premiership and relegated to a minor position probably for ultimate liquidation. In his "confession" before 800 C.P. militants, he admitted to "right wing, opportunist deviations, chauvinism, nationalist tendencies, leaning towards social democracy, (and most heinous crime of all) failure to understand the leading role of the Russian party in the struggle against imperialism".

Throughout Eastern Europe Communists are continuing to purge all possible future enemies and leaders of potential opposition movements. Nocturnal disappearances are a standard pattern with the victims either slain in woods and buried on the spot or else deported to Siberian death camps. Such stark terrorism is still confined to the Baltic countries, Rumania, and Bulgaria. Pressure is less brutal in Hungary and Czecho-slovakia but every form of non-violent coercion and intimidation is employed. Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, has issued a scathing pastoral letter to all Catholics saying "To the bitter disgrace of this country, falsehood, deceit, and terror were never greater in the course of its history". He asserted that the Communist regime was exerting "monstrous moral pressure". The Cardinal ordered all Catholics to cease listening to the government controlled radio and to stop reading the Communist controlled newspapers.

Communism has made little inroads among the whites of South Africa but it has made converts among the native blacks and Hindus. The new Nationalist government which is strongly pro-Boer is considering legislation to outlaw the C.P. of the Union of South Africa.



South and Central America. Closer to home and therefore far more important to our national security, is the vast and expanding Communist apparatus of Central and South America. Only three Latin American countries thus far have banned Stalin's Fifth Column in the Western Hemisphere: Chile, Brazil, and Paraguay. The Communist position in Argentina is tenuous and uncertain. Elsewhere, however, from the Rio Grande to Chile the Soviet network has been rapidly expanding with apparently inexhaustible funds and hordes of Soviet agents. Centers are maintained in Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, and Uruguay. The Mexican, Guatemalan, and Colombian concentrations are aimed at isolating the Panama Canal in event of war with the Soviet Union. Soviet espionage, being a dangerous "hot potato", is rapidly being transferred to staffs of satellite Iron Curtain countries who maintain legations and missions in Latin America. Prior to the Tito debacle, Soviet espionage in Chile was handled by Jugo-slavs scattered through that country since World War I and diligently rounded up and trained by Soviet agents working out of Montevideo.

Russian and other agents under their control are infiltrating the Chilean nitrate fields and Peruvian and Ecuadorian oil fields. They are also reported concentrating in Colombia, Panama, and Venezuela, adjacent to the Big Ditch. Communist influence in Colombia is growing rapidly as result of last April's highly successful Bogota "dress rehearsal for revolution". The Costa Rican situation is understood by very few Americans. Even Congressmen indicate total or nearly complete ignorance as to what is going on within easy bombing range of the Canal. Reliable Legion contacts in Central America advise that the ousted government of President RAFAEL CALDERON was controlled lock, stock and barrel by Stalinists. A patriotic colonel, Jose Figueras, instigated a typical Latin American military revolt and sent the Muscovites packing across the border into Nicaragua and Honduras. Figueras has promised to turn the Presidency of Costa Rica over to the duly elected Presidente, Otilio Ulate. Meanwhile, the ousted Communists continue to plot against Ulate and Figueras from neighboring countries with apparently unlimited resources at their command. Most alarming development has been the open boast of General Anastasio Somoza, military dictator of Nicaragua that he will lend every support to the return of Calderon to Costa Rica.

Meanwhile, Vincente Lombardo Toledano, leading Stalinist in Mexico has founded a new Mexican political party, the PARTIDO POPULAR. It claims to be democratic and national and completely devoid of any foreign ties. Like Wallace's Progressive Party, it pretends to be in favor of private enterprise and for the right of peasant land ownership. Also, like Wallace's hybrid party, however the PARTIDO POPULAR gives the show away by concentrating its heaviest attacks and attention to "Yanqui Imperialismo".

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#### THE CRACKPOT RIGHT -- FASCISTS, SEMI-FASCISTS, ETC.

G.L.K. Smith's widely ballyhooed "founding convention" of Christian Nationalist Crusaders at St. Louis was covered by a staff member of the Americanism Division last month. A small side hall of Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis held about 300 Smithites. The literature table contained all the usual anti-Semitic tripe even the hoary old "Protocols of the Elders of Zion". The convention lasted two days with the old warhorse G.L.K. running the show with a firm hand. His two closest lieutenants DON LOHBECK and IRVING GOFF were active but HOMER LOOMIS, the Columbian Gaulleiter was missing. He and Smith had come to a parting of ways several months ago. Agnes Waters, hovered in the background but did not speak. A long list of

psychopathic crackpots delivered rambling harangues all of a more or less set pattern directed at the Communists, Jews, Negroes, atheists, modernists, foreigners, politicians of both parties, radicals of all shades down to lesser devils and evils including "gin" and "sex".

The audience was predominately female and the average age well over 45. LOEBECK had attended both national conventions and he said "it was a pleasure to address a convention not soaked in alcohol". He also titillated their spinal columns with cold shivers when he warned that if their enemies ever triumphed "every Christian Nationalist will find himself dangling from the nearest lamp post". G.L.K. himself spoke for almost two hours the opening night working out on "the International Jew", the New Deal, Dewey, the Negro, Truman and his civil rights program, "foreign scum" and sundry other devils in the Nationalist demonology. The Baltimore Sun sent two special feature writers and the St. Louis papers sent another reporter or two to cover the hootenanny. Otherwise the press gave it a complete blackout.

On the second day speakers began at 9:45 in the morning and continued throughout the afternoon and evening except for brief breaks for lunch and dinner. The special super-secret guest of honor and principal speaker of the second evening was none other than Gen. Van Horn Mosely who spoke for about twenty minutes. The General obviously had not been briefed in advance because he launched into an eulogy of Gov. Dewey for President until LOEBECK clutched at his coat sleeve and hissed a warning into his ear that the "convention" had just nominated G.L.K. SMITH and HARRY A. ROMER on their own ticket for President and Vice President, respectively. SMITH is almost at the end of his rope financially and this alleged convention was a final desperate effort at grabbing headline publicity in hope of recouping his dubious fortunes. He is presently living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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#### WHAT YOU AND YOUR POST CAN DO TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

The National Commander's article in the August issue of the Magazine has been reprinted in handy pamphlet form for mass distribution throughout the Legion. Sufficient copies will be run off to supply each Post with at least one copy. The pamphlet will also include a list of over 500 subversive and Communist front organizations officially cited by competent Federal, state and municipal investigative agencies. This handy checklist will be of inestimable value in serving your local community or neighbor in spotting and exposing C.P. fronts. Additional copies can be secured from your Department Adjutants for distribution to local public leaders in education, business, industry, labor and the professional and civic fields as a special public service by The American Legion.

Numerous requests have reached National Headquarters for information on or evaluation of the Wallace movement. This question is adequately answered in the September 18 issue of COLLIERS in an article by the former Communist Louis Budenz. The SHOW UP, published at Post Office Box #429, Phoenix, Arizona, also devotes its entire No. 8 issue to tracing the origin of the Wallace movement. Send \$1.00 for a copy direct to the publishers. COUNTERATTACK, 55 West 42nd Street, New York, also published a special twelve-page issue covering the documented Communist background of some forty or more Wallace leaders and supporters. This issue is also priced at \$1.00. The American Legion Book Service, 1608 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., will supply at regular list prices any books on Communism recommended in the Americanism Division's reading lists. Each Post should have a small "red" library of authoritative works on the Soviet Union and the Communist conspiracy in this

country to circulate among neighborhood and community leaders as a special Legion service in Americanism. Communists assiduously plug and help sell the books of their apologists and stooges aimed at demoralizing and confusing our people on the issues of the day. All Legionnaires as a matter of pride, if not Americanism, should support those writers whose books are the only arsenals of ideological weapons against the Commies. The same applies to newsletters, periodicals, and pamphlets previously recommended by the Division.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS, the leading Communist theoretical magazine which every month lays down the party line for the American Communists and their fellow travellers, boasts of a circulation of 30,000. PLAIN TALK, outstanding and invaluable anti-Communist monthly, has a circulation of about one-third that figure as it goes into its third year. This SUMMARY is read by less than 1,000 Legionnaires a month. All the other newsletters, magazines and periodicals specializing in exposing subversion, combined together, do not total the monthly circulation of just one Communist organ. Therein lies the whole incredible and tragic story of why Communists have achieved their present dangerous position in this country. They work and fight tirelessly and fanatically for their cause. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO OFFSET THEIR WELL-POISONING BY WAY OF SUPPORTING ANTIDOTES?

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#### THE GOVERNMENT'S LOYALTY PROGRAM

Unfortunately because this is a presidential election year, even this most important question has now become a political football with the Republicans charging that a total expenditure to date of \$11,000,000 has resulted in less than 600 subversives or disloyal elements being ousted or forced to resign their federal jobs. This figures out to about \$18,000 per head to get one disloyal employee off the government pay roll. The Democrats and the Administration counter that the program is going ahead steadily and that 90% of over two million employees have now been screened and cleared without any ballyhoo or "witch-hunting". You pay your money and take your choice.

*James Kutcher*

An extremely suspicious and provocative little job was recently pulled off in New Jersey which may very well result in the whole loyalty program being badly compromised in controversy and confusion. Thus far not a single Stalinist Communist has been identified by name as having been ousted from the government. The federal agencies themselves as well as the Loyalty Review Board shrouding the whole matter, were in anonymity. In Newark, New Jersey, a legless Trotskyite working on a little \$40.00 a week clerical job in the Veterans Administration, has been put on charges because he cheerfully admitted that he belonged to the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, an insignificant sect of Trotskyites numbering less than a thousand in the whole United States. ~~KUTCHER~~, the legless vet lost both legs in Italy. His job in the V.A. was definitely non-confidential or sensitive. The American public and particularly veterans, are therefore faced with the rather paradoxical situation that a veteran who lost two legs for his country and honestly admitted his radical affiliation to a minor sect, is being booted out of a \$40.00 a week job, while highly placed Commies in extremely sensitive positions who never served a day in the armed forces even in this country apparently have dug in so well that many still have not been uncovered according to dependable government intelligence sources. The KUTSCHER case is therefore an almost perfect example of bureaucratic bungling in how not to handle a doubtful loyalty case.

THE SCOREBOARD AGAINST SUBVERSION FOR THE PAST MONTH

Communist spies and Soviet agents arrested or indicted -----	NONE
Alien Communists deported -----	NONE
Communists imprisoned upon conviction for crime -----	NONE
Communists fired from the United States Government -----	NOT ASCERTAINABLE
Effective legislation passed to restrict or curb Communism -----	NONE

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HUMAN EVENTS, A Weekly Analysis for the American Citizen  
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Issue Number 241, September 8, 1948

The following important article is reprinted through special arrangement with HUMAN EVENTS. It should be widely quoted in speeches and given every possible dissemination:

MORE THAN ESPIONAGE  
by Edna Conigan

The story of the activities of Communist agents within our Federal Government has been described as another "Canadian spy case". It is more than that. Attempts to force a parallel with the Canadian case only obscure the fact that Congress is on the trail of something more insidious and more important than espionage.

The committees under Senator Ferguson and Representative Thomas have already done one invaluable service. They have made it clear that we are not dealing with the activities of the Communist "Party", but of the Russian NKVD.

The Communist "Party" is not an American political party. Like the Russian Army, it serves the military purposes of the Soviet Government. Control of such an important military instrument could not be left to the aging, small-bore politicians who seem to head American Communism. This American "Party" is merely one branch of the huge network under control of the NKVD.

Congress is now working toward the real question: What are the aims and activities of the NKVD-MVD on American soil? Mr. Chambers, in a little-noticed statement, said they are not primarily espionage. No one asked what they are. The answer is that the NKVD is engaged in placing its agents in key positions in American life, in order to direct our policies to our self-destruction.

NKVD penetration into the Federal Government is part of a larger pattern for penetration into colleges, schools, the armed forces, private business, and the general communication of ideas. The work of the separate arms is synchronized from Moscow, by a few directing heads, into a smooth-working force of political "commandos". These seek to seize the commanding heights of American Society, and thereby take over our country without any serious revolutionary violence.

"It can't be true", say the pseudo-liberals. "The Grand Jury would have indicted. The FBI would have proved them guilty". But guilty of what? Most American followers of the NKVD have committed no crime. They have violated no law. If every statement in the testimony of Miss Bentley and Mr. Chambers is proved true, the Grand Jury will still find it difficult to indict. We have no law compelling Government employees to propose only ideas that are for the good of their country.

## II.

The NKVD has been endeavoring to infiltrate the Federal Government since 1933. The first circle was evidently set up in the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Wirt told us about links in the Office of Education.

Recruits were obtained from cells in the colleges. Stalin ordered his followers to penetrate the American colleges as far back as 1929, when he saw that the depression was serious. This is documented in the reports of the Rapp-Coudert Committee of the New York legislature.

Each cell divided and bred others. Directors of the NKVD sat with their maps of the "terrain" of the Federal Government, and moved their followers to one key position after another. Communists in Government and the colleges were ordered to recommend their comrades for all desirable openings. They were told to locate the key jobs, to know when they would be vacant, and to pull the strings. Their people always had the "best" recommendations.

First the network placed its economists and lawyers. Then it moved its men into publicity and public relations. As the leaders learned more about the workings of our bureaucracy, they put their people into jobs as personnel directors. Assistant directors proved even better for the purpose. Those officials were never in the headlines. But they saw the incoming applications; they could weed out those with an anti-Communist record in college, or "expedite" those who submitted recommendations with key names or had key experience to identify them.

Administrative Assistants were another important link. Top officials in Government departments make speeches but are shielded from knowledge of what goes on in their agencies. The administrative assistant decides when the chief will see, what correspondence he will sign, what reports he will read, and whether or not complaints shall be brought to his attention.

Some of the people who were placed by the network were "innocents"; some were dreamy revolutionists; most were cold, cynical men who noticed that those whom the network favored advanced rapidly to the highest jobs. Many who were temporarily enmeshed by the network found their way out without much trouble. But the network grew because vacant places were promptly filled by new recruits from the colleges.

The duty of the ablest Soviet agents was not espionage. It was to win the confidence of those who directed policy. Their task was to attach themselves to higher officials or to the wives of those officials; to be friendly, charming, alert, intelligent, sympathetic; to be ready, day or night, to take on more responsibility. And, in time, such responsibility was given them.

So, each year, the network moved its men into higher and higher positions. When war came the veterans of eight years of conspiracy reached the highest policy levels. Always an invisible force was pushing the favored higher. It was easier after Hitler attacked Russia.

### III.

When the Wagner Act was pending, an American industrialist rushed back from Europe, and said, "You can't allow this bill to pass. European Communists are waiting at the docks to come here and take over American unions when it passes". His friends laughed indulgently.

The Wagner Act left a broad band of administrative discretion to the Labor Board, for the writing of directives that had the force of law, and could not be reviewed by the courts. That was not accident. The network moved its best people to the places where the directives were written. Communist agents penetrated the unions, took over the funds, the press, the legal staffs; and industrial bitterness mounted.

Men chosen by the network began to direct American policy on every controversial question. After Farley was dropped, they took over the task of delivering the votes from the key industrial centers. As a reward they gained control of the political conduct of the war.

Our victorious armies halted where Stalin wished. His followers managed Dumbarton Oaks, UN, UNRRA, our Polish and Spanish policies. They gave Manchuria and Northern Korea to Communism. They denoted General Patton, and wrote the infamous instructions under which General Marshall was sent to China. They dismantled German industry, ran the Nuremberg trials and even sought to dictate our economic policy in Japan.

Their greatest victory was the "Morgenthau Plan". No one who knew Mr. Morgenthau could believe he devised the Plan. It was contrary to everything which he believed. He could not have been persuaded to urge it on the President unless he had been surrounded by men he trusted, who were obeying the orders of the network; men who, like the wicked uncle in "Hamlet", poured poison in his ears while he was off guard.

The planned destruction of German economy has further weakened Western Europe and will cost every family in the United States a share of \$18 billions to repair part of the damage through ERP. What more could the heads of the network have done for their masters?

After the war was decided, the network moved the men on the chessboard to UN, UNRRA, the International Bank; then to positions in our colleges, where they teach future Government employees, and to foundations which control the grants the colleges so desperately need.

#### IV.

Why didn't some one in Government expose this state of affairs? Many tried, but they were silenced, or, if persistent, they were sneared by the branches of the network that worked through the press.

The Dies Committee located the carriers of infection, and therefore was given the most vicious snearing of all. Of course the Dies Committee made mistakes. The question is whether the American people should have followed a committee loyal to America which made mistakes, or the NKVD, which makes no mistakes.

President Truman was given \$26 million to root out "disloyalty", but the hand of the network is all over the "loyalty investigation". There was no good reason for investigating all Government employees. That was the Communist way of "helping" the investigation. The only proper procedure is to have a board review the evidence in the FBI files, and dismiss every employee who associated with members of the network. No one has a "right" to Federal employment, if he has no sense.

We do not need more laws; we cannot enforce those we have, because the cold eyes of NKVD officials always find the openings where their agents can penetrate into enforcement agencies, or induce members of the press to help with propaganda about "red-baiting".

We are not concerned with a judicial problem of the guilt or innocence of individuals -- except in the matter of perjury. We do not want any spy trials which will be lost before they are begun. Our problem is political. How can we get evidence about the top level of the Moscow-directed army which is within our grasp?

The Congress has done excellent work, but we do not yet see the size of the task before it. What we need from Congress is a complete set of intelligence reports. We want to know all the links through which Communism works, the "chain

of command", the infinite variety of its camouflage and propaganda devices. If Congress gives us the pattern by which infiltration of administration has succeeded, the American people will find the political means to end forever the work of the NKVD on American soil.

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Edna Lonigan, an occasional contributor to HUMAN EVENTS, served with the Farm Credit Administration from 1933 to 1935 and was with the Treasury Department from 1935 to 1940. She has also been a college teacher.

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Federal Security Agency will send representatives to the five American Legion Area Child Welfare Conferences who will be available for consultation with state leaders attending conferences.

The American Academy of Pediatrics is now completing extensive study of child welfare health services in the United States. Several state reports have already been tabulated and others will be ready for distribution in the near future.

Veterans Administration record of amputees, World Wars I and II, as of June 30, 1947 is as follows:

	World War I	World War II
Loss of one hand	934	3,322
Loss of one foot	2,384	10,405
Loss of both hands	13	64
Loss of both feet	192	731
Loss of one hand and one foot	35	114
Loss of hand and two feet	5	10
Both hands and both feet	4	2

World War I total amputees 3,566 - World War II totals 14,648.

National Economic Commission is proceeding with their survey of the prejudice existing in employing older workers. The survey to date indicates that many employers have established an "age bar" in the employment of workers. When the survey is completed, a campaign of education of industries to aid in the gainful employment of the older workers is contemplated.

Recoveries for Veterans obtained by the Office of the Housing Expediter through the program of investigating complaints from veteran home purchasers totaled \$639,816. This represents recoveries from 2,532 units. 3,635 cases have been referred to the Attorney General for litigation. Settlements are pending on 2,138 cases. 11,634 investigations have been completed and there are 44,599 complaints on hand for investigation.

Material contained in this letter is provided for the information and use of key National and Department officials of The American Legion. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are confidential and not to be republished. Much of the material contained herein will be subjects for more complete bulletins, memorandums, press releases and articles in the National Legionnaire subsequently.

*Henry H. Dudley*  
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National Adjutant

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National Commander's schedule for next week: Indianapolis, Indiana, Washington, D. C.

Membership subscription cards for 1949 in National Headquarters: November 18, totaled 937,197. Same date last year 943,813. Transmittal of dues this date on advance 1949 membership \$530,688.00 as compared with same date last year, \$600,901.00. (Material increase anticipated during Commanders and Adjutants Conference November 21,22,23).

Progress report on new American Legion Headquarters Building: Workers will be out of the "hole" by December 5th. From then on they will proceed above the ground level. More than 16,000 cubic yards of concrete have been poured. Work is completed on massive foundation walls with the exception of basement entrances. Pouring of concrete slab for first floor in process. All steel for slab has been delivered. No accidents have marred project, with the exception of General Superintendent, victim of minor mishap when he stepped on a nail.

VA news release states that "The nation's two quadruple amputees of World War II are well along to becoming self-supporting citizens, one a lawyer and the other a farmer, with the help of benefits administered." They are James Wilson, Jacksonville, Florida and Frederick Hansel, Birmingham, Alabama. This seems to be first authentic report of number of quadruple amputees from World War II.

Washington gossip indicates that Rep. John Rankin (D. Miss) will be returned to Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairmanship. Expected that an early bill to increase income limitations prevailing for nonservice connected pensions and their widows and orphans.

Many positions open as temporary postal clerks and carriers for holiday rush. Some part-time, some full-time, positions pay about \$1.30 per hour. Applications should be made, without delay, to local postmasters.

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\*A magazine sales crew, traveling the South, soliciting subscriptions to the "American Veteran" magazine are being looked for by numerous posts and individual veterans. In a number of instances checks have been raised to larger amounts. A woman by the name of Goldie Taylor, representing herself to be an agent of the Publisher Service Company, Inc., Citizens Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio, seems to be responsible. Department Adjutant Matt Monaghan of Louisiana will appreciate Departments being on the "look-out" and advising him if apprehended.

The wife of Raymond B. Littlefield, Past Department Commander, Past National Vice-Commander and present member of National Legislative Committee, passed away at their family home in Providence, Rhode Island. Heartfelt sympathy.

A total of 4,155 veterans in Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky are amputees as a result of service in World War I and II, the VA Branch Office in Columbus, Ohio reported today. This total includes leg and arm amputees and those with partial amputations of the feet or hands. There are no so-called "basket" cases -- loss of both legs and both arms in these three states. VA is paying disability compensation to 1,722 amputees in Ohio, 1,453 in Michigan and 980 in Kentucky and in many cases assisting in the rehabilitation of these veterans.

The Assistant Administrator for Insurance states issuance of NSLI policies has started, with several thousand having been mailed out thus far. A speed up is expected as soon as additional mechanical equipment is installed. Policies are being issued to the following in order named: new applicants, reinstatements, renewals and applicants for converted policies.

Ralph Johnson, Fred Kochli and Larry Formia will represent the National organization of The American Legion at presentation ceremonies at Walter Reed Hospital, Monday, November 22, at which time a specially constructed automobile will be presented to the use of amputees. The Legion will participate for the purpose of commending the donors for this fine gift in behalf of the same group of severely handicapped that the Legion's morale building team of McGonegal and Pfeiffer served during the war days.

Beginning of peace-time draft reported to be cause of rapidly increasing demands on Red Cross for aid to dependents of servicemen. If trend continues Red Cross financial assistance to veterans awaiting adjudication of claims may have to be reduced. This can result in increased calls for Legion aid to children since Red Cross has been helping many veterans' families while awaiting action by VA.

Several Departments are again participating in the "Gifts To Yanks Who Gave" program, bringing to each hospitalized veteran a gift package at Christmastime.

Harry MacSherry, long active in Legion affairs, politics and civic affairs in Nevada, passed away Wednesday morning, November 10 in Reno, Nevada. MacSherry held the offices of first Department Vice Commander, 1922; Department Finance Officer 1923; Grand Chef De Gare, 40 & 8 of Nevada 1925; Alternate NECCommitteeman 1928-29; Darrell Dunkle Post Commander, Reno, 1931-32; first District Commander 1932-33; Department Commander 1941-42; and Department Judge Advocate 1944-45. Funeral services were held November 12 with The American Legion in charge. His passing is mourned by all who knew him.

American Legion is represented on many State Commissions on Children and Youth appointed by Governors to make preparations for 1950 White House Conference on Child Welfare. Only 14 states now do not have such official state committees.

Much has been said about the payment of dividends to those who carried NSLI during service. The studies and audit of premium payments and reserves that must be set up are continuing. The dividend formula has not as yet been determined. The amount to be distributed is in the Treasury Department bearing interest. Dividends will cover contract holders from October 8, 1940 to the anniversary date in calendar year 1948. VA hopes to have computation completed and distribution started during latter part of 1949.

There are 1,145,000 children in U.S. who are today dependent on public aid (Aid to Dependent Children) because of the death, disability or absence of a parent. Monthly payments average \$66.81 per family, with families averaging 2½ children each.

The Minnesota Legion and its Auxiliary have turned over a check for \$50,000 to University of Minnesota as their first installment for endowment of a professorship for research on causes and cures of heart disease. Dr. J. L. Morrill, president of the university, accepted the gift. Minnesota Legionnaires are raising \$500,000 for this cause.

Legion Magazine Sets Record: An accurate counting of the coupon returns from J. & J. Seagram Post ads in the September and October issues of The American Legion Magazine has been completed. While total number of these coupons is considerably less than had been estimated at Miami, it constitutes a record return for magazines. Specifically, more coupons were clipped from September Seagram Post ad than have ever been clipped from a single ad in a issue of any magazine.

Arthur G. Bouton, Department Commander New York 1942-43 died at the wheel of his automobile, November 11. He was returning to his home in Scarsdale, New York, following the delivery of an Armistice Day address.

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Mr. W. C. "Tom" Sawyer  
Director  
National Americanism Commission  
The American Legion  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

I have received your letter of November 5, 1948, enclosing a copy of Resolution Number 418, which was passed at the National Convention of The American Legion last month in Miami. It is most encouraging to receive such expressions of confidence in the work of this Bureau and my administration of it and I wanted to extend my deep appreciation to the members of The American Legion through you for their very commendatory remarks concerning the national security activities of the FBI. Your generous offer of cooperation is sincerely appreciated and I hope that our actions will always be such as to merit the approval of your fine organization.

Sincerely yours,

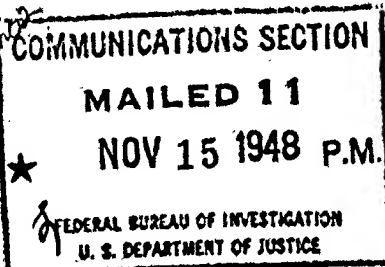
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

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At the National Convention of The American Legion-held in Miami last month, a Resolution was passed commending the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and you, as its Director, and your co-workers for the fine work you have done. The American Legion notes with pleasure that under your able leadership the Bureau has continued its outstanding and brilliant performance in the carrying out of its duties and functions which have been made still heavier by the increase in number of certain groups and individuals favoring ideologies alien and subversive to our constitutional form of government.

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It is, therefore, with the greatest sincerity that I, as National Americanism Director, carry out the mandate of the above Resolution by not only thanking you for your fine accomplishments, but also by commending you most highly. May I insure you of a strong desire to cooperate with you in your work to the fullest extent.

Sincerely,

*Tom Sawyer*

W. C. "TOM" SAWYER, Director  
National Americanism Commission

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RESOLUTION NO. 418

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation has continued its outstanding and brilliant performance in carrying out its duties and functions made still heavier by the increase in number of certain groups and individuals favoring ideologies alien and subversive to our constitutional form of government; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in convention assembled in Miami, October 18-21, 1948, do hereby commend and thank the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its able director, J. Edgar Hoover and his co-workers for their fine work.

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### THE SPOTLIGHT

Newest meteorite to be reported in the Communist solar system is something called the ~~COMMISSION FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM~~. Founded by the ~~NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES and PROFESSIONS~~ and sponsored by ~~Prof. HARLOW SHAPLEY~~ it apparently succeeded in roping in even such a sound American as Chancellor Robert Hutchins of the University of Chicago. Prof. Hutchins in the past has been rather wary of Communist front organization booby traps but he tripped over this one. The fact that the COMMISSION'S Secretary is none other than veteran fellow traveller ~~PROF. CLYDE MILLER~~ should have been sufficient warning even to the careless. MILLER, formerly connected with Columbia University, has a long record of activity in behalf of various Communist fronts going back to 1938 at least. ~~COUNTERATTACK~~ devoted considerable space to him in several issues this past year.

Communists always set up defense organizations long before they expect trouble in any particular field of infiltration. The COMMISSION FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM is obviously being set up in anticipation of Congressional and state investigations into Communist activity in the educational field. Investigations into the well-poisoning activities of Stalinist professors seducing American youth will then be met with a barrage of "invasion of academic freedom by fascist-Nazi book burners and thought police."

~~U.S.~~ CONGRESS of INTELLECTUALS. The Kremlin apparently thought so well of the recent Wroclaw (Breslau) International Congress of Intellectuals that it has ordered its American branch office to call a similar conclave in this country. JOHN O. ~~ROGGE~~, ALBERT H. ~~KAHN~~, ELLA ~~WINTER~~, DONALD OGDEN ~~STEWART~~, FRED A. ~~KIRCHWEY~~, CLIFFORD ~~DURR~~, a former F.C.C. Commissioner and a number of known Communists, fellow travellers, dupes, and a few innocents attended the Breslau hootenanny as "U.S.

delegates." Just previously who delegated them or what organizations if any they represented was not made clear nor apparently considered important. They simply went.

The pathetically childlike eagerness with which intellectuals fall for commy booby traps reminds one of a famous Stalin anecdote. Prior to the 1943 alleged dissolution of the Comintern Stalin once before proposed fooling the world by pretending to liquidate the Communist International. A Politburo member objected "But who will believe it?" To which Stalin, who is noted for his cynical contempt for intellectuals and idealists, replied, "Intellectuals."

MARTIN HALL. An individual using this name is reported masquerading as a Quaker or pacifist and speaking to high school and other small city audiences. HALL apparently speaks under the auspices of the Peace Section of the ~~American~~ Friends Service Committee, a reputable Quaker relief and welfare organization. Reports from areas as widely separated as Arizona and Wisconsin indicate that HALL'S speeches can hardly be classified as patriotic. At Janesville, Wisconsin, people got up and left in disgust at his rude attacks on American foreign policy. HALL, whose correct name is allegedly HERMAN ~~JACOBS~~, apparently entered this country as a refugee from Germany about 1937.

Advance publicity represents HALL as "a famous newspaper correspondent." As far as the Americanism Division has been able to ascertain his newspaper fame was acquired as a correspondent for the notorious ~~INFRECORR~~, weekly official organ of the ~~COMINTERN~~, and as editor of ~~VOLKSECHO~~ a German language pro-Communist rag. He also contributed to ~~NEW MASSES~~, which needs no identification. He was also one time secretary of the ~~GERMAN AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR CULTURE~~, cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a C.P. front organization.

Reports on Mr. HALL'S activities and verbatim copies of his orations are urgently requested by the Americanism Division.

ANTI-COMMUNIST FAKERS AND FRAUDS. The natural concern of all Americans over the rising menace of Communism and the rapidly rising interest in authentic information on Communists and Communist front organizations has opened a lucrative field for the "quick buck" boys of the bunco and flim-flam fraternity. In the past the Americanism Division has recommended such reputable newsletters and publications as ~~VALERT~~, ~~COUNTERATTACK~~, ~~NATIONAL REPUBLIC~~, ~~NEW LEADER~~, ~~PLAIN TALK~~, and ~~THE SHOW-UP~~. Racketeers and fakers smelling what they believe to be easy money are now beginning to crop up in the anti-Communist field. All Legionnaires and others reading this Summary are advised always first to consult this Division before subscribing to or supporting any new anti-Communist publications. Some are of the G.L.K. Smith anti-Semitic, crackpot variety; others are plain frauds and worthless. BEWARE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST WRITERS AND SPEAKERS WITH "TIE IN" SALES SPIELS, ie., WHO REALLY HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SLIP OVER BESIDES PLAIN AND SIMPLE EXPOSURES OF COMMUNISM. COMMUNISTS ARE NOW IN UNIVERSAL DISREPUTE THEREFORE COVERT PEDDLERS OF ANTI-SEMITISM, ANTI-LABOR, OR OTHER "ANTI" LINES OF GOODS DISGUISE THEIR WARES AS "ANTI-COMMUNISM."

Frederick ~~Woltman~~ of the New York World-Telegram recently exposed an interesting example of how eminent and patriotic Americans carelessly lent their names to what appeared a worthwhile effort to eradicate Communism from American Schools and colleges. A ~~NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION~~ set up shop in New York and succeeded in enlisting the support or sponsorship of Gen~~e~~ Tunney, General ~~Wainwright~~, Senator <sup>KENNETH</sup> ~~McKellar~~ of Tennessee, and a long list of patriotic and outstanding Americans. A little detective work by Pulitzer prize-winner Woltman soon uncovered the

disconcerting information that one ALLEN ZOLL apparently was the inspiration behind the NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION. ZOLL has a long record of activity in connection with the Christian Front, American Patriots (cited as subversive by the U.S. Attorney General) and other dubious outfits of a fascist or near fascist character. He was also indicted but never brought to trial for alleged extortion before the war when he offered to call off a Christian Front picket line around radio station WMCA for \$7,500. The New York World-Telegram exposure led to the quick withdrawal of most of the sponsors' names from ZOLL'S latest racket.

ADDITIONS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SUBVERSIVE LIST. THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN WORKERS RELIEF, THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON SOVIET RELATIONS, the COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION (liquidated in 1945) and the PEOPLES RADIO FOUNDATION, Inc. have been added by the Attorney General of the United States to the Loyalty Review list of subversive organizations.

#### THE COMMUNIST FRONT.

Chief item of interest during the past month on the Communist front has been their undisguised panic over the so-called "Denver Plan." A Federal Grand Jury in the Rocky Mountain city summoned five Communist leaders for questioning on C.P. activities in Colorado. All of them refused to answer. A Federal judge promptly clapped them into jail for contempt. One of the quintet was the mother of three small children including a seven months old baby. Judge J. Foster Symes refused to admit any of the five Communists to bail. Communist reaction from coast to coast was instantaneous and vociferous. The Comraies understandably saw a new and dangerous tactic being used against them for the first time.

The ~~DAILY~~ WORKER ran a full front page spread of the seven months old baby deprived of its mother's care by the heartless jurist. The very sanctify of the American home was threatened by the incarceration of women. A ~~WOMAN~~ FIGHT BACK Commission was hastily set up and mass meetings called to repel the "fascist attack on American womanhood." After holding two of the Denver women for over a month, Judge Symes finally relented and admitted them to bail. Whether nationwide Communist pressure and letter writing had any bearing on the judge's action is not known.

Federal grand juries in at least six other American cities, however, have started to question Communists and on their refusal to answer questions are threatening to use the "Denver Plan" on them. DAILY WORKER blood pressure over this previously untried tactic would indicate the Commies are very unhappy over the idea. In their panic Communist writers are going overboard stretching amalgams way past the breaking point of plausibility. Defense Secretary Forrestal is constantly amalgamated with Goering and U.S. foreign policy according to the Commies is nothing but a continuation of the Von Ribbentrop line. And the free enterprise system is neatly linked with Ilse Koch "because after all Ilse was only trying to save the German capitalist system." ~~JEWISH~~ LIFE, party line monthly published by the ~~FREIHEIT~~ Association calls the indictment of the twelve C.P. leaders a step towards "enslavement of the American people and the extermination of the Jewish and Negro peoples". The editorial on page 3 of the November issue goes on:

"The Jewish people should know what the indictment of the American Communists means. More readily than others they should smell the smoke of the oncoming fire of fascism between the whereases and the wherefores and the stench of burning bodies. The smoke of the Reichstag fire and from the chimneys of Dachau and Oswicim crematoria has not yet disappeared. The smoke has veered from Mitteleuropa to the Potomac and rises there."

Another interesting development is the increasing Communist use of the Anti-Semitic smear frameup. Anti-Communist school teachers and others are denounced as "Franco-lovers" and "vicious Anti-Semites." The California Tenney Legislative Committee, noted for its scrupulous fairness and common sense in avoiding the slightest suggestion of racial or religious bias, is under heavy fire of false allegations of "Anti-Semitism" cunningly designed to arouse the influential Jewish community of Southern California. ALERT, anti-Communist newsletter published at 127 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif., recently devoted the better part of an entire issue to this tricky situation in California. Summary readers interested should address requests for sample copies of ~~ALERT~~ direct to the publishers. The ~~AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE AGAINST COMMUNISM~~, 220 West 42nd Street, New York, also has material available on this upon request.

The Association of Catholic Trade Unionist ~~WAGE EARNER~~ points out that "fascist" appears to be the most sinister and degrading epithet that DAILY WORKER writers can conceive while "Progressive" seems to be the highest possible compliment in Communist lingo. "Fascist" or "fascism" was used no less than 36 times in a recent single issue of the D.W. while the flattering word "progressive" was used twenty times -- usually, of course, in describing some crypto-Communist or fellow traveler. The words "red-baiter", witch hunt, spy scare, and "frame up" or their synonyms were worked overtime for a total of 40 times. The WAGE EARNER sadly comments that only the chess column, short story section, and home making columns failed to use any of the otherwise overworked Communist cliches.

Communist ire also exploded in 30 pica headlines on the front pages of the DAILY WORKER over the recent assault on ~~ROBERT THOMPSON~~, New York District Chairman and member of the important National Secretariat. Whole pages screamed bloody murder over an unimportant beating by a couple

of neighborhood goons or hold-up artists. The simple assault became "another Togliatti attempted political murder as part of the United States reactionary drive to war and fascism." Americans were warned that Thompson's superficial attack was "a storm warning for the nation." "The attempted assassination must be squarely placed on the shoulders of the bi-partisan conspirators of the Democratic and Republican parties", thundered the mouthpiece of Moscow.

Insiders report that Thompson is still trying to figure whether his own C.P. pals did the job on him or whether the attack was accidental. Tickets for a Madison Square Garden Mass Protest Meeting were on sale within a matter of hours after he was slugged. The Garden, as any child in New York knows, cannot be hired on a few hour's notice. The tremendous ballyhoo turned on had all the earmarks of a job planned out in detail at least days in advance. The Commies are known to be desperately hard up for a bona fide victim of "fascist reaction" for publicity and fund-raising purposes. A good old fashioned tar and feathering or some other misguided mishandling of a Communist would be worth about a half million dollars to the Communist Party at this time in addition to returning to their side a million or more wavering, deserting sympathizers. The Commies are still hoping.

A massed picket line of several thousand shouting and ranting Communists including alleged gold star mothers and wounded veterans was thrown around the Federal Court building in New York October 15th when the twelve indicted C.P. appeared for hearings. Their trial was postponed until November 1st.

~~JOHN~~GATES, DAILY WORKER editor, has been expelled from the ~~AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE~~ on grounds of self-admitted Communist membership. The vote for expulsion in the National Planning Board was 16 to one for ousting GATES. Party Liner ~~MORRIS~~POTTISH cast the lone dissenting vote.

~~MICHAEL~~ STRAIGHT, owner of the New Republic, voted with the majority. GATES threatens to carry his fight for AVC membership to the next convention which meets on Thanksgiving day.

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#### WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING.

There has been an interesting shift of emphasis in Communist propaganda as reflected in analysing space assignment last month in the WORKER, DAILY WORKER, NEW WORLD, and ~~ILLINOIS STANDARD~~, <sup>Chicago, Illinois</sup> which replaced the CHICAGO STAR. The Wallace and allied progressive campaign still receive the lion's share of space well ahead of union and strike news. The latter category, however, was given about 50% more space than last month. While ~~HENRY WALLACE~~ may disclaim any Communist inspiration or control it is interesting to note that official publications of the C.P. cheerfully give him three times as much space as they assign to their own activities and personalities. Negro and racial questions although receiving twice as much space as last month dropped from third to fifth place in Communist importance. Straight defensive material which last month was in



fifth place this month moved to third position of importance showing increasing Communist concern over their deteriorating position in public opinion. In normal times Communists seldom if ever bother to explain away or defend anything they are doing. "Police brutality" or false charges of strong handed police action handed plummeted clear out of sight under stress of more important matters. Also highly significant was the drop of high cost of living, rent increases, evictions and homeless veteran items from 4th place last month of 15th place. As the Communists have given high priority and emphasis to these items in the past it is significant that they now relegate this category to one of almost complete unimportance.

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A. D. W. edit [redacted] learned that "America must [redacted] before the Forrestal-Dulles-Dewey-Truman drive rushes us into the biggest disaster the world will have ever known." Hiroshima massacres are promised for Asia, Europe and the United States. Even IZVESTIA or PRAVDA could not be more brazen in warning of U.S. defeat in event of war with Russia. Starobin, foreign news scribbler of the DAILY WORKER, doubts that West European and American forces could even hold the line of the Pyrenees mountains against the glorious Red Army. American generals with copies of Hitler's MEIN KAMPF in their hands are cartooned as goosestepping off a cliff into "Atomic bomb war disaster and annihilation."

As if in preparation for wartime sabotage strikes the National Committee of the Communist Party has addressed an open letter to C.P. units, clubs, and members for an industrial concentration designed to recruit 5,000 new Communist members in the East and Midwest industrial areas. Russia apparently is beginning to have some doubts as to the wartime sabotage potentials of college professors, ministers, pseudo-intellectuals, writers, movie actors, parlor pinks, and other associated camp followers not employed in basic industries. The directive reads: "Millions of workers not yet ready to join our organization can be organized to join in united front actions and to work with Communists in defense of their most immediate interests. All Communist units and youth clubs as well as shop, industrial clubs, etc., should redouble their efforts to reach the industrial workers with these vital issues."

The October 1st issue of ~~FOR A LASTING PEACE~~ published by the Cominform at Bucharest devotes most of its six pages to lauding Stalin's ~~A SHORT HISTORY OF THE C.P.~~ of the SOVIET UNION published ten years ago and regarded by all Communists as the Bible of their peculiar "faith." As this has been must reading for world Communists for many years the Cominform's present

plug is obviously m routine or perfunctory. History is, of course, a handbook on revolution with heavy emphasis on practical day to day handling of Bolshevik problems arising out of war, peace, and disintegration of the state under the impact of revolution. Together with the Resolutions of the Sixth World Congress of the Comintern entitled "~~THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST-WAR-AND-THE TASKS OF COMMUNISTS~~", the Short History is all the guidance from Moscow that any Communist needs in any country of the world at this stage of history. The History also is the Holy Writ with which to exorcise the demons of Titoism. The Soviet Communist Party is and must remain the supreme infallible authority. Titoism or "national Communism", the theory that pure Leninist-Marxist Communism may be set up in any country independent of Russian control and continual guidance, is obviously a most damnable heresy. Witness the quick crushing of Gomułka, the Polish NKVD gauleiter who sought to emulate Tito.

Deep subterranean rumblings still shake the world Communist structure despite the temporary containing of Titoism to Yugoslavia. The Chinese Communists are demanding a "purification" of their ranks implying that heresy has seeped through even to the Far East. The Australian Communists are reported as being suspicious of their British comrades on grounds of Titoism. There is division although well concealed in the ranks of the leadership of the French comrades. The monstrous juggernaut creaks and rolls on but fissures however small are starting to break through to the surface.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The pressure of convention work and other time consuming factors have delayed the publication of October's Summary to a point where previous organization and presentation of material is now impossible. Items of outstanding interest are therefore presented this month merely as notes. The Summary for November will be in its usual form.

HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

The entire matter of Communist espionage in this country and of subversive infiltration into the government has now unfortunately become entangled in partisan politics as result of the Presidential election year. The U.S. Attorney General's office released a statement that its legal experts could find nothing indictable in the entire espionage hearings held before the House Un-American Activities Committee throughout the past six or seven months. The Whittaker Chambers-Alger Hiss impasse as to who lied and who told the truth remains in status quo with Hiss suing Chambers for \$50,000 for defamation and libel. The House Committee has not indicated when it will resume hearings or along what lines the inquiry will be directed.

The motion picture industry investigation was suddenly called off almost a year ago with promises by the Chairman, J. Parnell Thomas, that they would be resumed and 79 more Hollywood Communists unmasked. Nothing ever came of this but Chairman Thomas is unofficially reported as planning to re-open the Hollywood hearings some time in January with some fifty Hollywood swimming pool and champagne proletarians still to be called. This has thrown the movie boys into an understandable panic. They do not want to cast and plan pictures with individuals who may be questioned or uncovered as crypto-Communists. A usually reliable and well-informed Washington source of information claims that a Hollywood emissary has been in town with \$50,000 as a bribe for the list of fifty Hollywood people still to be summoned before the House Un-American Activities Committee. If the man from Hollywood with the little black bag and fifty grand will drop around to the office of the Editor of this Summary and have the mazuma in small denomination bills we may be able to satisfy his curiosity.

Two former top-notch FBI agents who played leading roles in the Bureau's Anti-Comintern Apparatus hastily set up during the war when Soviet atomic espionage was first uncovered, recently testified in secret executive hearings before the H.U.A.C. Their inside authentic stuff makes even the Bentley-Chambers testimony pale into insignificance. Their testimony will be published later by the Committee.

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#### THE RED DEAN OF CANTERBURY

Despite strong Legion protest as well as protests by many other organizations including Episcopal Church leaders, the State Department has granted a visa to ~~HEWLETT~~ JOHNSON, Dean (Not Archbishop) of Canterbury to come to this country once more to peddle his odious line of pro-Soviet propaganda. The Red Dean's books for the past ten years have been handbooks of pro-Commy propaganda and have been actively plugged and sold by all Communist book stores to a total of several million. American visa laws are on the books to protect this country against obnoxious and undesirable visitors. It is simply outrageous to ask American taxpayers to produce billions for the Marshall Plan and then to allow this Typhoid Mary of the Kremlin to come over here to sabotage and denounce American foreign policy.

It is equally preposterous that Secretary Marshall and other leaders of the State Department are exhausting themselves abroad in seeking to contain Soviet expansionism and to solve the outrageous Berlin blockade while stay-at-home, striped pants appeasers within the State Department who never saw a day's service in the armed forces in defense of this country sabotage Secretary Marshall's work by granting admission to this country of characters like HEWLETT JOHNSON. This is

the same clique which tried to railroad out of the State Department such a staunch American and loyal public servant as Robert C. Alexander mentioned in last month's Summary. They burnt their fingers badly on this one and had to crawfish by reprimanding Alexander but dropping all plans to oust him from a job he has filled with distinction for twenty-six years. Quick public action saved Alexander's job but the State Department's fellow travelling hatchetmen are still after his scalp.

It has been reliably reported from inside sources that some of these Soviet appeasers laughed when the Legion's protest against admitting the Red Dean was filed with the State Department. It is high time in these days of crisis that such quislings be smoked out by Congress, and taught that American Legion protests reflecting the indignation of three and a half million servicemen are not a laughing matter for draft dodgers and pink tea pseudo-diplomats. Legionnaires are urged to file demands at once with their Congressmen and Senators to conduct an investigation by appropriate Congressional committee to ascertain precisely who in the State Department cleared JOHNSON for a visa, on what grounds, and why mass protests by the Legion and other patriotic organizations were contemptuously laughed off. Let's get to the bottom of this nasty business!!

Send copies of your letters to your Congressmen, the Chairman of the Senate Immigration Committee and to the Director of the Americanism Commission.

They are still combing Commies out of the E.C.A. Twelve doubtful risks including one alleged C.P. card-carrier were recently eased out as a result of efficient work by investigative staffs.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS CANS COMMIES

An executive board meeting of ~~the~~ American Federation of Teachers meeting in Chicago recently ordered the ousting of two locals on grounds of Communist control or activity. One rather large local was in Los Angeles and the other was composed mainly of University of Washington professors and teachers at Seattle. The latter were originally flushed from cover by the Washington state Canwell Committee last summer. ~~The A.F.T.~~ also released a statement opposing the employment of Communists as teachers. The A.F.T.'s Commission on Educational Reconstruction headed by Prof. Arthur Elder of the University of Michigan was of the opinion that "membership in the Communist Party would negate devotion to truth and to the principles of disinterest inquiry which are the essence of scholarship." The A.F.T. is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and claims a membership of fifty thousand. The Los Angeles ousted local is already threatening the A.F.T. with all manner of dire legal action.

In New York City, Pres. of the Board of Education Andrew ~~G.~~ Clauson and Superintendent of Schools Dr. ~~William~~ Jansen denied strenuously that there were any Communist school teachers in their system. This despite the disclosures of the Rapp-Coudert Committee a few years ago and the fact that the Teachers Union of New York, now a local in the C.P. controlled United Public Workers, marches in Communist May Day parades and has been consistently pro-Communist

for over fifteen years, NATHAN WITT, alleged head of wartime Soviet spy ring in Washington, appeared as counsel for the T.U. The official organ of the Teachers Union, *Nathan Witt* THE TEACHER NEWS, "is known for its consistent espousal of Communist causes and for its consistent defense of C.P. front organizations. It has never once expressed any disagreement with Soviet policy" according to George Timone, a member of New York's Board of Education who made a speciality of studying Communist activity among school teachers. The Teachers Union claims about 6,000 members of New York's 36,000 public school teachers.

#### DRIVE ON POSTAL COMMUNISTS

Confidential sources reveal that postal inspectors and the F.B.I. are at long last beginning to clean up the bad situation of tolerating Communists in the postal service. The sanctity of U.S. mails goes back to the very founding of the Republic. Americans are extremely touchy on the inviolability of the mails to snoopers and thieves. Two clerks and three carriers in Plainfield, N.J., are under thirty-day notice of dismissal for alleged disloyalty. In Cleveland sixteen or twenty postal employees face firing for the same reason. Cleveland Communists and fellow travelers have already announced collection of a \$100,000 "Defense Fund" to insure an "open trial". As the right to a Federal job is purely a privilege conferred by the government, the constitutional guarantees have no bearing on the question. One postal clerk in Philadelphia faces perjury charges for falsely denying C.P. membership and another in Seattle likewise faces the skids out of the Federal service. In Brooklyn several more clerks and carriers face dismissal charges on the same grounds.

The editor of the Summary regrets any erroneous impression, which the August issue may have created, as to the developments inside the National



Federation of Post Office Clerks. This union now has 80,000 members, all postal clerks. It is the oldest civil service union in this country stemming back to the turn of the century. Its forty-year record has been one of staunchest Americanism, and many of its members are Legionnaires. It is one of the soundest and best led unions in this country. Like all unions, it has sizeable opposition to its present leadership. Ninety-five to possibly ninety-nine per cent of this opposition is just as sound, loyal and patriotic as the rest of the membership, but it has permitted itself to be led around by the nose by a tiny fraction of indubitable Stalinists masquerading as "liberals" or "progressives", the common disguise used by Communists in all unions not under their rigid control. Internal differences of opinion as to administration, policy, and tactics have been cunningly seized upon by the Communists for maximum exploitation. They merely want to "reform" and improve the organization -- certainly not a sinister or subversive plot. However, once having thrown the old and tried leadership out and installed their own dupes and dummies, the long arm of Uncle Joe would not be long in exposing just who ran the show as has been so often demonstrated in other American unions.

~~The National Federation of Post Office Clerks~~  
The N.F.P.O.C.'s last convention decided to retain its seasoned, anti-Communist leadership. All National officers were re-elected by narrow margins. Meanwhile, postal Commies have other troubles to worry about -- the speedy elimination of some of their key figures by Departmental action.

#### THE PROTESTANT

The last issue of this pro-Communist magazine came out in June-July. Pretending to be a non-sectarian Protestant "religious" magazine, it devoted most of its space to plugs for the Soviet Union, boosts for American followers of the Kremlin line, denunciations of American policy of the "Russia

is always right; Americans always wrong" type, and attacks on the Catholic Church. Inquiry at a local Communist bookstore as to why this sterling publication had failed to appear for nearly five months brought forth the dolorous news that it had run out of money and backers and apparently was kaput. Please omit flowers. Burial services will be privately conducted by the C.P. USA.

#### QUIPS AND BITS, THE LIGHTER SIDE

Fired from her Baltimore kindergarten teacher's job because she was a C.P. member, Mrs. Regina Frankfeld declared with indignation, quote, "Communism is as American as our love of fair play, baseball, and our regard for our children." How's that again, Regina?

Mrs. Nancy Wertheimer of Denver refused to answer any questions put to her by a Federal Grand jury in that city investigating Communism. Sentenced for contempt, she blubbered, "This is all very undemocratic. I am an honest person." We feel for poor Nancy. She should have been hauled up for questioning in a really democratic country run by honest people like the Soviet Union. Only in the Workers' Fatherland would she have been given her just deserts. And how!

✓ You can't fool Mikhail Belavsky, movie critic for the Evening Moscow, Soviet paper. Walt Disney's evil capitalistic influence is tainting even Soviet animated cartoons, according to Mikhail. "There are too many Americanized pigs, rabbits, wolves, and ducks in Soviet movie cartoons," bemoans Belavsky. Right! And we will let Mikhail in on another dark secret -- Donald Duck is really -- sssh! a secret Trotskyite and a disguised agent of American secret intelligence. Quack! Quack!

Tito's new paper mouthpiece, Borba, demonstrates Bolshevick firmness and thorough grasp of Marxian dialectical materialism. In the same article, it stated, "We declare without hesitation that Stalin is nowhere so loved and respected outside the USSR as he is in Yugoslavia." A few lines further along we are told, "Right is not on his (Stalin's) side."

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#### RECOMMENDED NEW BOOKS

The Americanism Division strongly recommends the following books as important weapons in the arsenal of counter-subversion. All titles can be secured through The American Legion Book Service, 1608 K. Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

##### WOBBLY

Ralph Chaplin

Univ. of Chicago Press, \$5

A former leading I.W.W., now a bitter anti-Communist, tells the history of the Wobblies and what makes a radical.

##### THE IRON CURTAIN

Igor Gouzenko

Dutton, New York \$3

The story of the Russian secret code clerk whose dramatic break with Soviet espionage in Canada opened the eyes of the West. Book on which the movie was based. Excellent.

##### ONE WHO SURVIVED

Alexander Barmine

Putnam, New York \$3.75

A high-ranking Russian general who took a run out powder on Stalin some years ago. Excellent source book for facts on life in the Soviet Union. Irrefutable.

##### RUSSIA'S EUROPE

Hal Lehrman

D. Appelton-Century \$3.75

A starry-eyed PM liberal gets his eyes opened but good in Iron Curtain countries after the war. Excellent book.

##### THE WHOLE OF THEIR LIVES

Ben Bitlow

Scribners, New York \$3.50

Companion volume to the indispensable I CONFESS by the same author, founder of the C.P. USA and the man purged by Stalin in 1929 from leadership of the American Communists. Behind scenes intimacies of Communist lives. Important and absorbing.

A PROGRAM FOR COMMUNIST ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION

U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C., \$.50

Just off the press. A 56-page pamphlet outlining methods of organizing a community committee and suggesting methods of operation. Every Post should have a copy.

\*THREE WHO MADE A REVOLUTION

Bertram Wolfe

Dial Press, N.Y. \$5

A Lovestoneite purged by the Comintern juggernaut in 1929, writes a popular account of the lives of Stalin, Lenin, and Trotzky. Shub's LENIN is a far more dependable biography of the founder of Bolshevism than Wolfe's slightly worshipful account, but the book is worthwhile.

STRATEGY AND TACTICS OF WORLD COMMUNISM

Sub-Committee of the House

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THE FOREIGN RELATIONS  
TO THE  
NATIONAL CONVENTION  
COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana - November 18-20, 1948

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The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Relations respectfully submit the following report:

Our work upon the two Resolutions which were referred to this Commission by the National Convention at Miami, on a School for Diplomats and on International War Veterans Alliance has not yet been completed. Register Numbers 12, 28, 38 and 65 have been covered by previous reports or by National Convention action. Register Number 11, on Federal World Government has been carefully studied by a Committee of which Vice-Chairman Happell is the Chairman; and his report, in which we concur, is presented as part of this report.

Since May of this year, a special Committee, comprising Leon Happell of California, Chairman, Charles A. Gonser of Washington and J. J. Barnhardt of North Carolina has been making an exhaustive study of the many World Peace plan organizations, including the United World Federalists, Robert Hutchins' World Constitution, Streits Federal Union and Ely Culbertson's Citizens Committee for United Nations Reform. The task was very difficult. Volumes of printed matter and correspondence were received and studied by each member individually. The full effect of debate and exchange of ideas on the subject matter could not be had because no meeting of the committee as such has been called since its formation.

We are of the opinion that some plan of uniting the world nations in order to insure peace is very desirable. We see eye to eye with several of the organizations on many phases of the subject. Nevertheless, having in mind the fact that we have previously recommended by resolution that the veto be abolished in matters of aggression and preparation for aggression, which of course, includes the adoption of the American plan for control of Atomic energy, it is our opinion that the best interests of the American people and the peoples of the world can best be served by our continued and strengthening support of the United Nations.

In the four weeks since the Miami Convention, the World situation has improved somewhat in the West, but has greatly deteriorated in the East. Communist-bred strikes in France have quieted down; but Communist-led armies have overrun North China and are sweeping southward.

The European Recovery Program is beginning to create stability. Its future will depend upon the common sense, energy and reliability with which it is administered. The American Legion was a pioneer in supporting this far-seeing Plan, and it is our duty to see that it moves forward steadily and efficiently to help disheartened and the force and trickery. We re-

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however, that E R P is a two-way street. It does not imply unilateral aid by the United States, but cooperation between us and Europe. The recipients of our supplies must use them to increase their own production and strength; while the United States must see to it that this life-giving stream is not cut off by any cause whatever, lest confidence be impaired and resistance to Communism weakened. 24066

With our national elections in the past, it is more important than ever to prove to other nations that American Foreign Policy can be relied upon as firm, steady and free from politics; and that it is supported by a well-informed, wide-awake public opinion. The American Legion has always urged that our Government keep our people informed of all the essential facts in our foreign problems as they develop, both as a matter of right and as essential to morale at home and confidence abroad.

The continuity and firmness of our Berlin policy is gratifying. We consider that that policy is the strongest defense against Communism in Europe, also that it is the most effective means of preserving peace if coupled with vigilance against any new up-surge of Nazi militarism.

There is evidence that the Iron Curtain is gradually being penetrated. Nations under its shadow are being impressed by the steadiness of our policies. The improved "Voice of America" is proving markedly effective and its program should be strengthened still further. Also we Legionnaires can help by individual effort. Besides the writing of letters to friends abroad, such as proved so effective in Italy last spring, a novel and telling method has been found to be the sending of food packages. Conversations with Czechs, Poles and others indicate that a C A R E parcel makes a great impression upon recipients and reaches also to their friends. Many Legion Posts are already making these packages, accompanied by a friendly word, a part of their Post program. We recommend this plan to our Departments and Posts as a humane and practical contribution to international goodwill and the combatting of Communism.

The Legion's policy of strengthening the United Nations is becoming productive. Although elimination of the veto in cases of aggression has not yet been achieved, nor the American formula for atomic control adopted, the refusal by the Soviets to cooperate is making it clear to the world that America is seeking peace while the Politburo is not.

The situation in China is extremely critical. The Chinese people are close to the starvation-point, and ruthless Japanese armies brought desolation during China's long and heroic resistance. Now the Communists are telling starving millions that Communism is their only hope against want and government corruption. It is from such evil soil that anarchy springs; and not only but Korea and other parts of Asia are threatened. We reiterate



In particular we urge the sending of food, under strict American control, to revive the spirit and bodies of a splendid people who at present are too weak to resist. The Chinese are thrifty, reliable, good-natured and appreciative, and are by nature the very opposite of Communists. We believe these sturdy qualities will prevail if given half a chance. But promptitude is essential if they are to be enabled to resist the Communists who, claiming to come to them as friends, seek only to exploit them. 2406

The question has been asked us whether the dock strikes on the Pacific Coast were fostered by sympathizers with Communism for the purpose of aiding the Communists in China. What we know is that the Pacific Coast strikes synchronized with the Communist drive in China. And we emphatically feel it to be our duty to call public attention to the serious consequences if essentials are delayed in reaching their destinations. We regard food for China and materials for Europe as an important part of the world-defense against Communist aggression. We believe that our Pacific Coast ports are undergoing what is in effect a Communist blockade; and we urge that instant steps be taken to break through that blockade in order to permit an adequate flow of necessities to China.

In all these serious problems we believe that The American Legion has chosen the right path. Therefore, "with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."

Respectfully submitted

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *pk*

DATE: November 24, 1948

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT:

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While in Indianapolis at the meeting of the Department Commanders and Adjutants I conversed with National Commander S. Perry Brown concerning the Bureau. He is quite anxious to meet Mr. Hoover and discuss mutual problems and informed me that under his present schedule he will arrive in Washington the morning of December 3, 1948. He stated that in the event it was possible he would like very much to have the opportunity of talking to Mr. Hoover at any time convenient to him on the afternoon of December 3, 1948.

For your information I am attaching hereto a brief resume of Brown's history which was used as campaign material prior to his election.

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*I shall be glad to see him*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: November 30, 1948

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

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Upon receipt of the attached memorandum indicating that Mr. Hoover would see Perry Brown, National Commander of the American Legion, on December 3, 1948, I so advised Assistant National Adjutant Leonce Legendre.

This afternoon Mr. Legendre phoned and stated he had received a wire from the National Commander advising that he was delighted Mr. Hoover would see him and inquiring as to the time Mr. Hoover would be available so he could make his various commitments in Washington, D. C. accordingly.

In the event Mr. Hoover will be free at approximately 3 P.M. I could advise Mr. Legendre so that the National Commander can come in at that time.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. NICHOLS

On December 3rd I saw Mr. S. Perry Brown, the National Chairman of the American Legion. Inspector Pennington accompanied him to my office. I expressed to Mr. Brown the appreciation of the Bureau for the cooperation the American Legion has been extending to our Bureau over many years. Mr. Brown stated that he had a mandate from the Legion to sponsor legislation similar to the Mundt-Nixon Bill and also to sponsor the continuation of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives. He asked my opinion about these two matters.

I told him with regard to the Mundt-Nixon Bill, it, no doubt, had some very desirable features, but there were other features in it that might be subject to question and I believed the Attorney General had written a letter at the time that Bill was up for consideration in Congress pointing out certain difficulties. I told Mr. Brown that I knew of course the American Legion wanted to be back of the right kind of legislation and for that reason I suggested he see the Attorney General and endeavor to arrange for a representative of the Legion to discuss this matter with some representative of the Criminal Division of the Department so that they would have the benefit of the Department's views and could sponsor a Bill that would be adequate and at the same time not be subject to any substantial attack.

In regard to the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, I told Mr. Brown that I was already on record as to the fact that I felt a standing Committee of Congress looking into subversive activities was a desirable thing. I stated the opinion held by some citizens that the work of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives could just as well be handled by the FBI was not correct, because many things could be done by the Committee on Un-American Activities which the FBI could not do. I pointed out that a Committee of Congress could subpoena witnesses and documents whereas the FBI could not do so unless there was pending some criminal case in the Federal Courts. I stated, however, that I deplored some of the melodramatic tactics resorted to by the Committee and I was hopeful that if the Committee continued it would either be a Joint Committee of Congress or that the Committee would be composed of men with a nature and objective of view who would make a point of securing a chief counsel who would really gather and compile evidence before hearings were started and before announcements were made to the press.

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I pointed out a Committee functioning along those lines would do a great deal of good and no doubt it would be possible for the Department of Justice to cooperate with such a Committee much more easily and much more effectively than it could with a Committee of the present type of the House of Representatives and which had been looking into these matters. I told Mr. Brown that I felt it would be well also to discuss this matter with the Attorney General because the views which I was expressing were my own personal views and I thought it would be better to have the official views of the Attorney General which might guide him more effectively.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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RE: S. PERRY BROWN  
NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION

Mr. S. Perry Brown was elected National Commander of the American Legion on October 21, 1948, at the Legion's 30th Annual National Convention in Miami, Florida.

A flyer, which was circulated preceding the election of Mr. Brown contained a brief resume of his background. This is being set out in part as follows: He was born June 14, 1892, and educated in the high schools of Louisiana, Centenary College at Shreveport, Louisiana, and Rice Institute, Houston, Texas. He enlisted for World War I in 1917, being commissioned 1st Lieutenant and assigned to the 89th division, 342nd Machine Gun Battalion. He was promoted on the field of battle, wounded twice and spent five months in hospital. He was retained in Europe for construction work in the Le Mans area until 1919. He was Sales Engineer and General Manager of the Beaumont Building Material Company from 1920 to 1932. From 1932 to 1941 he was President and owner of the Brown-Lane Company. He was married in 1920 and is the father of three sons and two daughters. He joined the Beaumont, Texas, Legion Post No. 33 in 1921 and held every post office from Sergeant-at-arms to Post Commander. He was appointed a member of the National Defense committee in 1936 and Chairman in 1944. He was recalled to active duty in the armed forces in 1940, and released the same year in order to supervise construction work at the Orange, Texas, navy yards. He returned to active duty in 1942. Mr. Brown set up program for military training in Louisiana high schools, a program since adopted nationally by the American Legion. He was released from active duty in 1944 at the request of the Commander of the American Legion in order to work on post-war military establishment, and he visited nearly every state in the union at the request of the governors, to hold meetings on the post-war military establishment.

This flyer also stated that he will work continuously and understandingly for the Legion's program of Rehabilitation, Americanism, National Defense, Universal Military Training and Housing, as well as for all the mandates of the Convention.

The American Legion Magazine for December, 1948, contains an article concerning the American Legion's convention in Miami. It states in part that Perry Brown, as National Defense Chairman since 1944, has worked with other Legionnaires for a sound defense program for the security of America, with Universal Military Training as the foundation of the over-all structure. This magazine also carries an article written by Perry Brown, which states that the objectives of the American Legion are the adequate care of disabled veterans and their dependents, the war widows and orphans and bereaved parents, and the building of an enduring peace through a strong America.

Bureau files reflect that a letter of congratulations was sent to Mr. Brown upon his election as National Commander of the American Legion. He was assured that the FBI values very highly the past

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cordial relations with the Legion and that we are looking forward to their continuance in the future.

Bureau files also reflect that in 1946 Mr. S. Perry Brown and Mr. Warren Atherton, who as members of the National Defense Committee of the American Legion, made a survey in Alaska. Mr. Brown was subsequently requested by the Anchorage Office to submit his observations concerning the intelligence situation in Alaska. Mr. Brown complied with this request in the form of a letter to the Director, dated December 9, 1946. This letter and the report containing his observations are attached.

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SUMMARY OF TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS  
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THE SPOTLIGHTWORLD YOUTH WEEK

The week of March 29-April 5 has been selected by the Communists as "WORLD YOUTH WEEK". Purpose: "So that the thoughts and actions of young people everywhere would be specially united in common purpose and effort for building international fellowship and peace". A preliminary call sent out by AMERICAN YOUTH FOR A FREE WORLD urges all young people to "plan and organize world youth week activities in your community, on your campus, in your clubs and organizations." Special rallies keynoting World Youth Unity and the sending of delegates to World Youth Conferences and World Student Congresses are recommended: Support of the youth of Spain, Greece, China, and Palestine "who are struggling against Fascist" terror, enslavement, and interference of foreign countries" is also urged. Young Americans are urged to "begin organizing on the campus and in their organizations to send representatives to reconstruction work camps in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Albania, and possibly France and Italy". Or, to send delegates to the International Young Workers Conference in Warsaw, to the Sokol Festival in Czechoslovakia, or to the Council meeting of the ~~WORLD FEDERATION OF~~ DEMOCRATIC YOUTH in an as yet unnamed European capital. The W.F.D.Y. is the Comintern's youth division to which ~~AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY~~ is affiliated.

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TRENDS AND TIDES

This is a newsletter type of magazine published by ~~LOUIS ADAMIC~~ at Milford, N. J. ADAMIC is a seasoned C.P. fellow traveler and pro-Communist apologist. It has no regular publication date but averages three to four issues a year. ADAMIC promises to publish monthly during the Presidential campaign months of August, September, October, and November of this year. The current 32-page issue is entitled ~~"Resist"~~ and is devoted to creating a "Resistance Movement" in America against encroaching Fascism, thought control and the terrors of a creeping "police state". The entire issue is strictly Partyline. It is being widely disseminated

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by mailing free copies to libraries, colleges, and organizations. Subscribers and sympathizers are urged to buy bundle lots to mail to friends or to enter subscriptions for their local libraries, schools, and youth organizations. This explains why college and other libraries have been receiving free unordered copies of this Partyline dope sheet.

### ~~NEW MASSES and MAINSTREAM~~

One of the immediate effects of the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings last November into Communism in Hollywood was the death by malnutrition of two Communist magazines -- NEW MASSES and MAINSTREAM. Badly frightened Hollywood dupes with more money than brains cut off their heavy sugar subsidies to these two Commy rags hurrying their end. MAINSTREAM was a Stalinoid high brow "literary quarterly" which turned blue and cold after less than a year of life. NEW MASSES was thirty-seven years old. The two have now been combined into a Coronet type of monthly magazine with ninety-six pages of Commy pseudo-literary piffle. Subscription rate is \$4.00 per year or thirty-five cents on newstands. Vol. 1, No. 1, appeared March 1.

### ~~PAX PRODUCTIONS~~

The DAILY WORKER of January 27 advises that a "new organization which has drawn upon the talents of such people as ANTHONY BOUCHER, famous mystery writer; MORRIS WATSON, creator of W.P.A.'s little theatre, and others, will produce hard-hitting radio series on the Taft-Hartley Act, political action, housing, 'thought control', etc." This obvious Commy subsidiary will make sixteen inch radio platters on "vital issues of the day." The D. W. claims that such platters will cost \$700 to \$1,000 to produce but will be available to unions for \$50 apiece.

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### THE COMMUNIST FRONT

With Soviet economist VARGA himself in disgrace, the Varga theme song of the coming crash has received only casual mention of late in the C.P. press. Arrests for deportation of a half a dozen top alien C.P. leaders, the House Un-

American Activities Committee, and the general theme of a "rising American police state" with thought control and concentration camps take more and more Communist lineage. Arrests of FERDINAND SMITH, National Secretary of the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, and CLAUDIA JONES, National Committee member of the C.P., both Negroes, and illegally in this country, was naturally seized upon as an attack on the civil liberties and rights of all American Negroes. The arrest for deportation of ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, founder of the C.P. USA and generally regarded as chief theoretician of the Party, was blown up into a "vicious anti-Semitic attack on an American minority" and only the beginning of Hitlerism in this country. The fact that JOHN WILLIAMSON, top labor commissar for the C.P., was picked up for deportation to his native Scotland afforded the Commies little propaganda comfort except to scream that all American labor was "enraged" at this attack on an outstanding labor leader. Williamson's arrest particularly enraged the Commies. The D. W. screaming that it "threatened the peace, liberties, and security of all Americans". Ellis Island, where GERHART EISLER and three other Stalinists are being held without bail, is now referred to as America's "first concentration camp".

Protection of "sacred Constitutional rights", civil liberties, and the legality of the Party are the present main concern of the C.P. master minds as reflected by analysis of their publications, speeches, and periodicals. The DAILY WORKER continues to give heavy emphasis to the Palestine situation in the hope of attracting Jewish sympathy. ~~The Association of Catholic Trade Unionists~~ must be giving the C.P. some headaches because GEORGE MORRIS was forced to devote an entire column in the D.W. to smearing the A.C.T.U. and "Catholic hierarchy meddling in union matters". The defection of a former staunch supporter, ~~A.F. WHITNEY~~, from the Wallace bandwagon also was taken in very bad grace by the comrades. Support of WALLACE and his third party movement is openly used by the Communists as a test of the real sincerity and bona fides of all liberals and progressives. If you support WALLACE even though your background is that of a reactionary, you are now a true liberal of purest ray serene. If you are a veteran Socialist, radical, or liberal since Bull Moose days but reject WALLACE, then ipso facto you are a reactionary and

enemy of the people and a low scoundrel to boot.

ELIZABETH GURLEY ~~FLYNN~~ called a special conference of Communist women to devise ways and means of combating "brutal Fascist deportations" and to help "smash the terror" of F.B.I. dictatorship and thought control. Early in February the C.P. called a three-day parley of its top leadership to consider "new and bigger struggles to safeguard the peoples' peace." 1948 was the year "for working people and their allies to seize the initiative and throw back the monopolists", according to EUGENE DENFIS, General Secretary of the C.P. now out on bail.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER reported on the world situation saying: "The present diplomatic relations between the USSR and the USA are undoubtedly bad and they are growing worse. But it would be a grave error to conclude therefore that war is inevitable; that, perforce the world may go through another terrible bloodbath, incomparable worse than anything it has ever known before". He added very significantly, "To eliminate the war danger there must be no reliance upon the so-called intelligence or fear of the monopolists that war would destroy the world capitalist system. The Anglo-American imperialists must be stopped cold by superior democratic pressure for peace". In other words, the Politburo in Moscow speaking through FOSTER (its American mouthpiece), has decided that world capitalism could safely survive an East-West war between world Communism and the western free world so that fear of economic catastrophe in event of such war cannot be successfully used as a bugaboo to frighten off the West, particularly America. This leaves the Communists only acceleration of the cold war in their drive for world power. "Superior democratic pressure for peace" in Communist double talk means increased morale sabotage, defeatism, pacifism, political strikes and industrial chaos leading to eventual economic crisis, artificially created social, religious, racial and other dissensions tending to divide and demoralize this country and all other activities tending to weaken and destroy the morale of our people.

Some experts in this country on Soviet policy now feel that Russia's next move in the psychological war against the West may very well take a sudden turn

towards temporary mollification and consolidation of present gains made without firing a shot. These authorities point out that there are two wings in the Politburo which have developed since Stalin apparently began taking long rests in the Crimea for his health. The extremist "grab all we can and keep on grabbing" group is headed by MOLOTOV and ZHDANOV while the more cautious Asiatic group which advises cunning and indirect means of conquest is reputedly headed by MALENKOV and BERIA, the latter head of the all-powerful and dreaded secret police. This Politburo faction is alleged to feel that Vishinsky's diatribes and Molotov's high-handed and arbitrary foreign policies will only serve to alarm and unite the Western world. They argue that cunning, stealth, and dissimulation will accomplish far more than bluster and bulldozing.

With the world weary of war and economic crises the slightest "reasonable and friendly" attitude on Russia's part would instantly divide the rest of the world into two camps with millions eager for the slightest indication of peaceful intentions on the Soviet's part. This school of Politburo thought may shortly gain the ascendancy and if it does, experts warn, the psychological war will enter a disastrous phase for which western naivete and trusting gullibility is totally unprepared. Not only would all our pro-Soviet apologists be vindicated but they would be joined by literally millions of sound and patriotic Americans eager for world peace, amity and economic rehabilitation with what appears to be sincere Soviet collaboration. It should be borne in mind, these experts warn, that there is no profound Marxist divergence of opinion or schism inside the Politburo -- both factions are ruthlessly dedicated to world conquest. Their only difference is one of tactics and methods to be applied in pushing forward Soviet aggrandizement.

PLAIN TALK, which every Legion Post should subscribe to, has an excellent article by Leon Dennen in its March issue entitled "Struggle For Power in the Kremlin" covering this division inside the Politburo.

Meanwhile, Uncle Sam is steadily losing the cold war all over the world due as much to our own lack of understanding of the problem and public apathy and indifference as to Communist zeal and brilliantly organized and co-ordinated

aggression. We protest the denial of civil liberties to Bulgarians as solemnly assured at Yalta -- the Russians reply by hanging Nikola Petkov outstanding peasant leader and opponent of the Communists. We release the now state secret Nazi-Soviet agreements and skullduggery of 1939 (after sitting on them in the State Department for two and half years) as a heavy propaganda broadside designed to stagger the Russians. The Kremlin replies by pushing a button and taking over strategic Czechoslovakia. While America at tremendous economic sacrifice and no little risk pours its wealth into Europe to shore up the sagging bastions of liberty, the Russians and their Communist satellites behind the Iron Curtain continue to liquidate all opposition literally exterminating or imprisoning tens of thousands of the leadership and intelligentsia of East Europe. Dependable sources claim that 340,000 people have been deported to Russian slave camps from Esthonia, Lithuania, and Latvia alone. We even assist in such purges.

A few weeks ago a ship was ready to sail from Italy for South America. Aboard were a group of thirty Jugo-Slav refugees from Tito's reign of terror. They looked forward to a new life of freedom in South America. Shortly before sailing time, Italian police boarded the ship and removed the fugitives who had been demanded by the blood-stained Yugoslav secret police. They were handed over to the OZNA without even a State Department protest.

Which moved a highly placed State Department official to comment to a representative of the Legion:

"We are losing the psychological war all over the world. It is high time that Americans awakened to the full dangers of the world situation today. The European Recovery Plan cannot save the situation without a parallel strong counter-offensive against Communism all over the world. Psychological warfare is essentially no different from old-fashioned shooting wars -- the best defense is a smashing offensive. ERP without a dynamic, world counter-offensive against Communism, is like building a house and stocking it with valuable furniture but neglecting to insure it.

"Italy today is the most important country in Europe from a standpoint of future American security. The most important, best organized, best financed, and best armed party, both militarily and ideologically, is the Garibaldi Front consisting of the Communists and the Nenni Socialists. Their credo is 'The end justifies the means!'. They make impossible



promises to the hungry, dispirited people of Italy and attract not only the largest crowds to their rallies but are definitely influencing large masses of Italian with the twenty-four hour a day propagandas so that the chances of this combination polling at least 40% of the votes on April 18 are fairly good.

"Such a vote would make this the strongest single political party in Italy and under the Italian proportional representation system would make their entry into the government unavoidable. Once inside the government, it is safe to predict the strategic Italian peninsula will go the way of Czecho-slovakia within a year, possibly six months.

"Western Europe's main bastion will have fallen and time alone can tell how long France could continue to resist terrific internal pressure and Communist sabotage of every form. Italy has no colonies but the fall of France would bring the red tide to French Colonies in the Western Hemisphere as well as to Dakar facing South America. What we once feared the Nazis might do, their totalitarian twins and successors may now shortly accomplish."

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#### COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, RELIGION, SCHOOLS, ETC.

The much ballyhooed loyalty check and housecleaning of all Fifth Columnists in the Federal Government has been neatly stymied by the Communists and their influential dupes and handymen. Such an uproar was raised over the discharge of seven of the worst security cases from the State Department that the government apparently contracted chilblains and has dropped the idea of firing any more Soviet agents, Communists, spies, homosexuals and others because of the delicate question of civil rights involved. Even the staid New York Times was profoundly disturbed, (or at least some pinko on its staff who slipped over the Partyline) that the basic American rights of confrontation of accusers, right of cross examination of such witnesses and accusers and other legal rights were violated in the discharge of these seven employees. No one was on trial or in jeopardy, the evidenced gathered by F.B.I. men over months of investigative work, analyzed and evaluated by trained specialists, presented to a special Loyalty Board, was all thrown aside on the specious plea of protecting civil liberties -- an entirely different matter. In the case of McAuliffe vs. New Bedford, 155 Mass. 516, 29 NE 517, Mr. Justice Holmes of the United States Supreme Court ruled: "The petitioner may have a constitutional right to talk politics but he has no Constitutional right to be a policeman."

A House Appropriations Sub-Committee headed by Rep. Stefan of Nebraska charged flatly that it has a list of 108 State Department officials and employees who should never have been hired either from a loyalty or security standpoint. One of these officials is accused of having passed to Soviet spies a secret Roosevelt dispatch to China so that a copy of it actually reached the Kremlin before the original had gotten through the cipher room at the State Department. The Stefan Sub-Committee further charged that some of the State Department officials on the list were homosexuals who had been fairly successful in getting their pals of similar character on the government payroll. Release of the report is expected shortly.

Meanwhile, the Army has discharged seven civilian workers at St. Louis who had access to subversive files as well as administrative records. The seven were accused of jumbling up or mislaying records on subversive soldiers.

#### COMMUNIST SCHOOLS STILL RUNNING

A number of inquiries have reached the Americanism Division concerning the eleven ~~Communist~~ schools throughout the country listed by the Attorney-General as subversive. None has closed. All are still running full blast turning out more subversives. There apparently is no law whereby the government or any state agency can close these nests of sedition.

Supreme Court Justice CHARLES W. FROESSEL of New York, refused recently to issue an order calculated to deny the use of public school auditoriums to Communists after school hours. The Justice held that as long as the C.P. remained a legal political party, it was entirely a matter of discretion with the Board of Education as who may and may not use public school property. The New York City Board of Education, as reported in a previous issue of this SUMMARY, voted last November not to deny New York City schools to the A.Y.D. or the Communists.

LEWIS A. WILSON, Acting Commissioner of the New York State Department of Education, ordered the Board of Higher Education to reinstate with approximately \$7,000 back pay, one FRANCIS J. THOMPSON who had been dismissed from the school

system in 1941 for being a Communist. THOMPSON was also accused of having obstructed the Rapp-Coudert Inquiry into Communism in the New York school system by giving evasive and false testimony. MR. WILSON felt that inasmuch as the New York State Legislature had not seen fit to outlaw the C.P. that the Board of Education was without legal justification to dismiss Communist teachers. Thompson at present is teaching at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and denies he was ever a Communist.

The New York Journal-American recently conducted a survey of Communism in the school system of New York City. It found that about 2,000 teachers out of a total of 34,000 supported the C.I.O. Teachers Union which has been twice ousted from reputable teachers' groups because of its notorious Red control and open Partyline activity. The two thousand, according to this paper, are divided as follows: Elementary schools 606, junior high schools 227, vocational high schools 212, academic high schools 736, substitutes 276, colleges 197 and supervisors 73. Supervisors are principals, junior principals, and assistance principals.

The New York Civil Service Forum, an association of New York municipal employees, has turned over to the Welfare Department a 600-page report setting forth in detail alleged Communist influence in New York City's Welfare Department. The Civil Service Forum charged that Communists or those carrying out the Partyline, held key positions in the Welfare Department and that through them Communists controlled policy to a considerable extent, infiltrated more and more party members, and punished and harrassed militant anti-Communists in the Welfare set-up.

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#### COMMUNISTS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

While the rout of the Commies in the C.I.O. continues, except of course in unions under their control, the overall, nationwide picture is far from satisfactory. In strategic unions controlled by them the Communists continue to purge and persecute such dissidents as challenge their power. Completely oblivious

of troublous days ahead, the Stalinists continue to drive implacably against any and all standing in their way in the labor movement. The Wallace candidacy is the supreme test of faith. All those who deny Wallace or do not actively support his third party movement are to be cast into outer darkness. LEE PRESSMAN'S resignation as Chief Counsel of the C.I.O. was forced by Phil Murray over this issue.

The Communist Party has issued orders to all of its union functionaries and stooges to press aggressively for wage increases setting their demands a little higher than non-Communist leaders so as to "expose" them and to demonstrate to the workers that only the Communists are truly concerned about high costs of living and workers' problems. This campaign for more strikes over wage demands dovetails in tightly with the Comintern's counter-offensive against the Marshall Plan. It will cut down production, increase costs, and sabotage ERP right here in America. Increased prices for American food and products will naturally complicate the economic problems of European nations dependent on ERP for their own recovery. Smashing the Marshall Plan, therefore, has become the first of business of every Communist the world over.

~~LEE PRESSMAN~~, General Counsel of the C.I.O. since its inception, was forced out of office by the C.I.O.'s Executive Board vote of 33 to 11 to reject Henry Wallace's third party movement. For the first time in its history the C.I.O. made public the vote of the Executive Board. ALBERT J. FITZGERALD and JULIUS EMSPAK of the UNITED ELECTRICAL RADIO & MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA, GRANT W. OAKES of the UNITED FARM EQUIPMENT WORKERS, BEN GOLD of the INT. FUR & LEATHER WORKERS, DON HENDERSON of FOOD & TOBACCO WORKERS, MORRIS PIZER of the UNITED FURNITURE WORKERS, HARRY BRIDGES of the INT. LONGSHORESMEN & WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION, HUGH BRYSON of the MARINE COOKS AND STEWARDS UNION, MICHAEL QUILL of the TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION, JAMES DURKIN of the UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKER OF AMERICA, and FERDINAND SMITH of the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, were the eleven who adhered strictly to the Communist line of supporting Wallace. CURRAN of the N.M.U. voted with the majority. ABRAM FLAXER of the UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, and JOHN CLARK of the MINE, MILL AND

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SMELTER WORKERS abstained from voting. BRIDGES served notice that he would respect a national plebiscite of the C.I.O. but would not be bound by the Executive Board's action. Murray promptly asked him to resign his C.I.O. Regional Directorship for Northern California. Harry refused.

Communist control of the strategic N.M.U. is gradually slipping. ✓

The membership by a vote of 15 to 1 adopted no less than 156 Constitutional changes most of which were designed to take power from the hands of the Communist-controlled National Council and leave final policy decisions up to referenda. One change bitterly opposed by the Communists makes three years actual sea service a prerequisite to running for union office. An election between April and June will decide the fate of some 150 national officers and port officials. Curran has claimed that 107 of them are Communists. FREDERICK "BLACKIE" MEYERS, veteran waterfront Communist and former N.M.U. Vice President, has announced that he will run against CURRAN for the Presidency of the union.

#### GREEN BLASTS TAFT

ATL President William Green ridiculed Senator Robert Taft's claim that the Taft-Hartley Act had driven Communists out of the American labor movement and had forced them to flee to Canada. Green termed Taft's story "a classic fable and far-fetched flight on imagination". He stated "as one whose duties make it imperative to keep a close watch on the activities of the Communists in the labor movement, I can state categorically that I do not know and have not heard of a single Communist who has emigrated to Canada recently". He might have added that it is a matter of doubt that the Canadian Immigration Service would admit any American Communists for residence. Green went on to state that one of the defects of the Taft-Hartley Act was that it made it impossible for unions to purge themselves of Communists as the law now prohibits ousters for any cause except non-payment of dues.

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THE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

The ~~X~~Canwell Committee of the State Legislature of Washington held hearings in Seattle from January 28 to February 6 on Communist activity in that State. The hearings when printed will make an invaluable handbook for all students of this problem. Approximately fifty witnesses were heard ranging from former Russians and Comintern officials to Washington housewives and union members. Several former high-ranking Communist officials dispelled any illusions that local Communists had any leeway or freedom of action as far as policy and strategy were concerned. All directives emanated from the Ninth Floor Kremlin at 50 East 13th Street, New York, according to these former C.P. big-wigs. The bulk of the testimony was confined to Communist infiltration in the Washington Old Age Pension Union and other state organizations. Several former Communists testified that they had been members of a secret C.P. fraction right in the state legislature which operated under the clandestine title of "Committee on Dikes, Drains and Ditches". Ten of these C.P. legislators met regularly under the dome of the State Capitol to receive directives handed them by outside C.P. functionaries and which they in turn passed along as "liberal and labor" ideas to gullible progressives and dupes in the Legislature.

The legality of the Committee was naturally challenged by Washington follow travelers who exhausted every legal device and dodge to halt the hearings. A Judge was found who raised some technical question of the constitutionality of the Committee throwing the whole question into the courts. A state official helped matters along by refusing to honor and pay expense vouchers of the Committee as long as the legality of the Committee was open to legal argument. The Associated Press and United Press, both of which had men present at every day's hearings, blacked out the slightest reference to the sensational testimony so that although the West Coast papers had good coverage, not a single word of it dribbled East through a very effective press censorship iron curtain of our own. Only the last day's testimony by Mrs. Harry Bridges, former wife of the I.L.W.U. leader, was reluctantly and be-

latedly cleared to the Eastern wire circuits. The Committee might well conduct an investigation into this curious side development.

On February 5 the House Un-American Activities Committee resumed hearings in Washington on legislation which will effectively curtail or stop Communist activity in this country. Attorney General Clark was the first witness. He read a fairly forcible statement asserting that Communism is a real thread and menace to this country. When it came to specific counter measures, however, the Attorney-General became vague and evasive. He admitted that present laws were inadequate or difficult to administer but even prolonged questioning could not force him to come out with strong, clear cut proposals which would be effective. He thought exposure by private organizations would be desirable and made a great deal of the fact that his office had started to pick up some 60 alien Communists illegally in this country. The fact that it will take years to clear these cases through the courts and that in the final analysis it is already known in advance that Russia and most of the other countries from whence these Communists originated will flatly refuse to take them back, effectively leaving them right here in this country, was glossed over by Mr. Clark. His appearance was far from impressive.

Judge Advocate Samuel M. Birnbaum of the Department of New York made a dynamic and intelligent approach to the problem. In essence, Mr. Birnbaum found that Communism has been found by the courts to be a criminal conspiracy and that the criminal law is the best and most obvious method with which to deal with the whole question. He gave the Committee some entirely new ideas on the subject which may find their reflection in future Congressional action. Mr. Birnbaum's statement in full has been reprinted by the Americanism Division and is available upon request to Department Americanism Chairmen and Judge Advocates, as well as other Department officials.

Ferenc Nagy, former Premier of Hungary, and George Dimitrov,

Bulgarian peasant leader, testified as to the techniques of Communist seizures of power in their own countries. Both fled to America to avoid death at the hands of their Communist enemies. A long string of other experts, many of them constitutional lawyers or leaders of important patriotic groups, testified as to what they considered desirable legislation either to outlaw the C.P. completely or to compel it to register all of its members, sources of income, and other pertinent facts. One of the finest and most lucid statements on the problem of world Communism was made by James Burnham, author of the STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD. This statement is appended to this month's SUMMARY in full because of the fact that it supplies ideal speech material and may be quoted as the opinion of one of this country's outstanding experts on the question of dealing with subversion in this day and age.

Under the pressure of outside organizations the Internal Revenue Bureau has finally announced that it will no longer grant tax exemption to the following eight organizations listed on Attorney-General Clark's subversive list. In the future no organization formerly allowed tax exemption privileges will be granted such exemption, the Bureau stated, if it is listed by the Attorney-General as subversive. Contributions made to the following may not be deducted as tax exempt:

JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE  
 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP  
 HOLLYWOOD WRITERS MOBILIZATION  
 INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER  
 OHIO SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (Cleveland)  
 PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
 SAMUEL ADAMS SCHOOL (Boston)  
 SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES (New York)

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"OPERATION SUBSISTENCE"

"OPERATION SUBSISTENCE" is in existence about eighteen months. It is a loose and informal group of veteran-students studying at a number of American colleges who feel that present subsistence allowances are totally inadequate because of sharply increased living costs since Congress last established the rate of pay-



ments. It has no national, permanent, paid officialdom. Conferences have been held from time to time at Washington, each delegate defraying his own expenses or having his travel and hotel bills paid by the college veterans' organization to which he belonged and which appointed him as its representative. An individual named GERSTEIN, studying at Washington, published and disseminated a mimeographed newsletter on "OPERATION SUBSISTENCE".

Two years ago four ex-G.I. students at Stetson University in Florida, formed the ~~NATIONAL~~ CONFERENCE OF VETERAN TRAINEES. By writing letters to other G.I. students it soon had corresponding members or associates in about eighteen or twenty states, largely in the South and Middle West. The N.C.V.T. incorporated under the laws of Florida and set up a Board of Directors. It called a national conference last December in Washington to devise ways and means of pressing for Congressional increase of subsistence allowances for ex-G.I. students. Thirty-four delegates from twenty-eight colleges in nineteen states assembled in the Raleigh Hotel. They were overwhelmingly conservative and it was estimated that 70% came from the South. Nevertheless, the Devil was not long in making his appearance.

"OPERATION SUBSISTENCE" spokesmen joined the conference to urge a common effort towards securing subsistence increases. A Legionnaire delegate with some experience at spotting C.P. liners in action, reported a number of curious developments. A mildly worded resolution disavowing any subversive connections and merely affirming the veterans' loyalty to his government and American way of life, was cleverly talked down and eliminated on the rather novel grounds that it would be inappropriate and irrelevant to bring such extraneous questions into a movement narrowly limited by agreement to the sole and specific problem of increasing veteran-students' subsistence allowance and nothing else. The chief spokesman against the loyalty, anti-subversive resolution, a relatively unknown individual, got off the beautiful argument that inasmuch as The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other organizations were already doing a good job on selling Americanism, it would merely be repetitious and impertinent for them to barge into

the field. Other doubtful or unknown individuals played the old, old Commy game of nominating each other for permanent key positions, particularly that of Washington representative.

A month later, January 14, another contingent of about 100 ex-G.I. students arrived in the Capital in connection with a lobbying campaign in connection with "Operation Subsistence". Four Chicago students claimed that they were met by one ~~ROBERT BIALEK~~ who asserted that he was the "supervisor" of "OPERATION SUBSISTENCE". The students instead of being routed to hotels were parcelled out to private homes. At this point no one seems to be quite clear just what happened. Staunchly American students (some of them Catholics) from the Middle West and South, found themselves in cozy bedrooms decorated with the likeness of Karl Marx, nice reading shelves full of Communist books, and DAILY WORKERS and other C.P. trash scattered all over the place. They were quite embarrassed by their hosts denouncing the Marshall Plan, the House Un-American Activities Committee, and other bogymen of the Communists. American capitalism had failed and was ripe for replacement with something "better". "American imperialism" came in for a round of denunciations. The astonished veterans were told that HENRY WALLACE was the only man who could save America and that Senators PEPPER of Florida, and TAYLOR of Idaho, were their true friends. Later, jolly drinking and other parties specialized in singing Russian songs. Other songs derided America and the United Nations. By this time it was plain to the out-of-town ex-G.I.'s that there had been a bad mistake somewhere and that the man responsible for meeting them and distributing them in private homes had assumed they were either Communists or fellow-travelers. The fact that several groups of boys were put up in homes of extremely important secret Communists whose identities were closely guarded secrets, pointed to a bad "bust" on some one's part. The amazed G.I. students next day went to the House Un-American Activities Committee, their own State Senators, and the newspapers and the fat was in the fire.

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NOTICE

The Americanism Division maintains a list of qualified speakers and lecturers on various aspects of Communism. It is not a booking agency but will supply a list of such speakers to Legion Posts, Districts, or Departments so that they can get in touch directly with whatever speaker they may desire to have. All arrangements as to fees, etc., must be made directly with the speakers or their agencies.

Rev. Edward Wilcox, who addressed the Counter-Subversive Seminar in Washington, D. C., on "Communism In Religion", will be in Colorado this summer on vacation and has announced that he is available for lecture engagements in Colorado or nearby States or while enroute to Colorado from Lynn, Massachusetts in June, or on his way back in August, in such States as he may pass through. He can be addressed directly in care of the Unitarian Church, Lynn, Massachusetts.

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FREE PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The National Americanism Commission has a quantity of the following United States Chamber of Commerce publications on hand:

COMMUNISTS WITHIN THE LABOR MOVEMENT  
COMMUNISTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT  
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Copies will be furnished on request -- first come, first served.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As a result of the economy action taken by the Joint National Executive Committee-Finance-Committee group, we are unable to make further additions to our mailing list for receipt of the MONTHLY SUMMARY OF TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS on a gratis basis. However, Legionnaires who wish this publication may subscribe to the service for \$3.00 per year.

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